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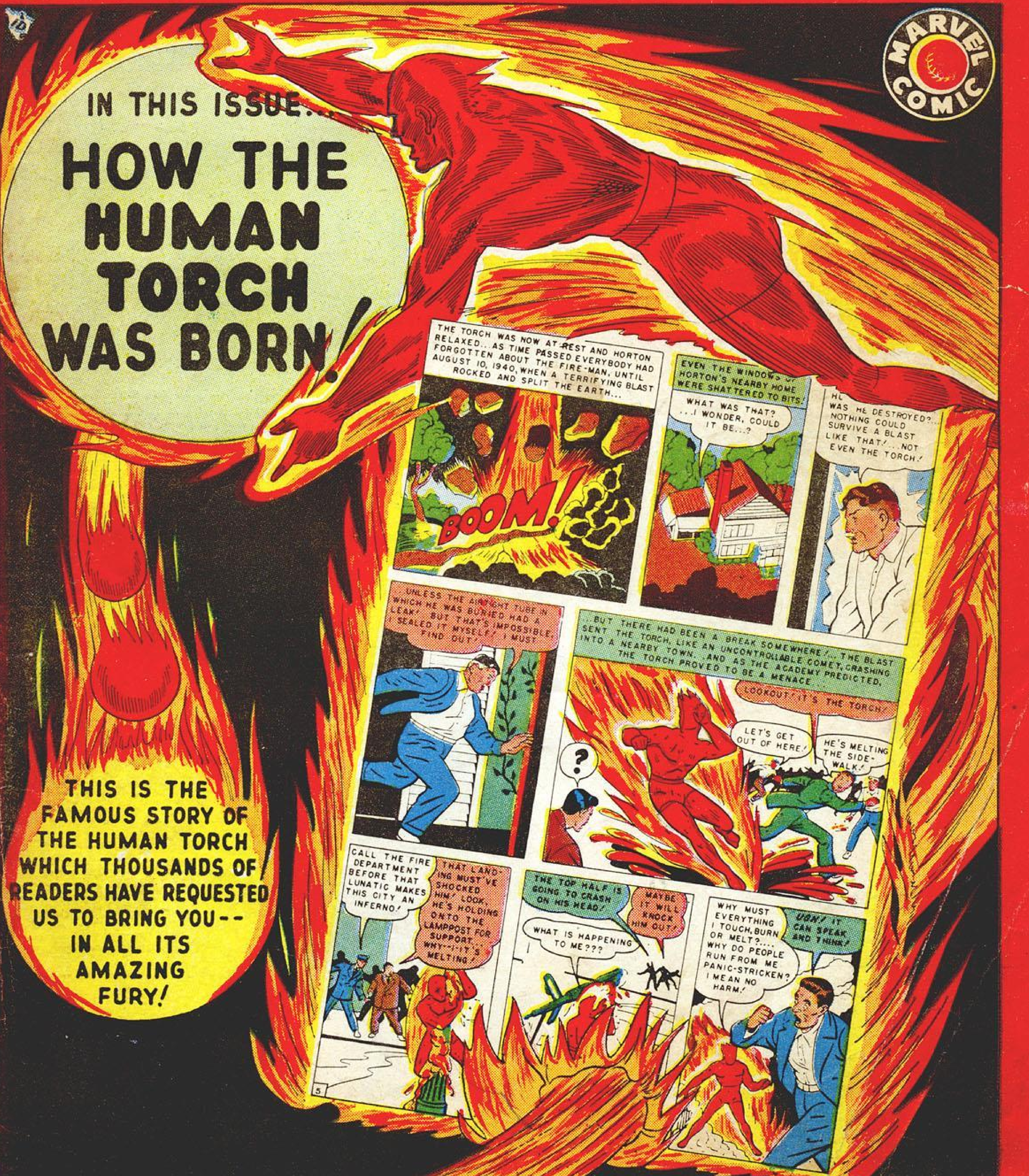
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UGH! IT CAN SPEAK AND THINK!
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THIS IS THE FAMOUS STORY OF THE HUMAN TORCH WHICH THOUSANDS OF READERS HAVE REQUESTED US TO BRING YOU-- IN ALL ITS AMAZING FURY!

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CURLS and WAVES HAIR IN MINUTES

without PERMANENT WAVING

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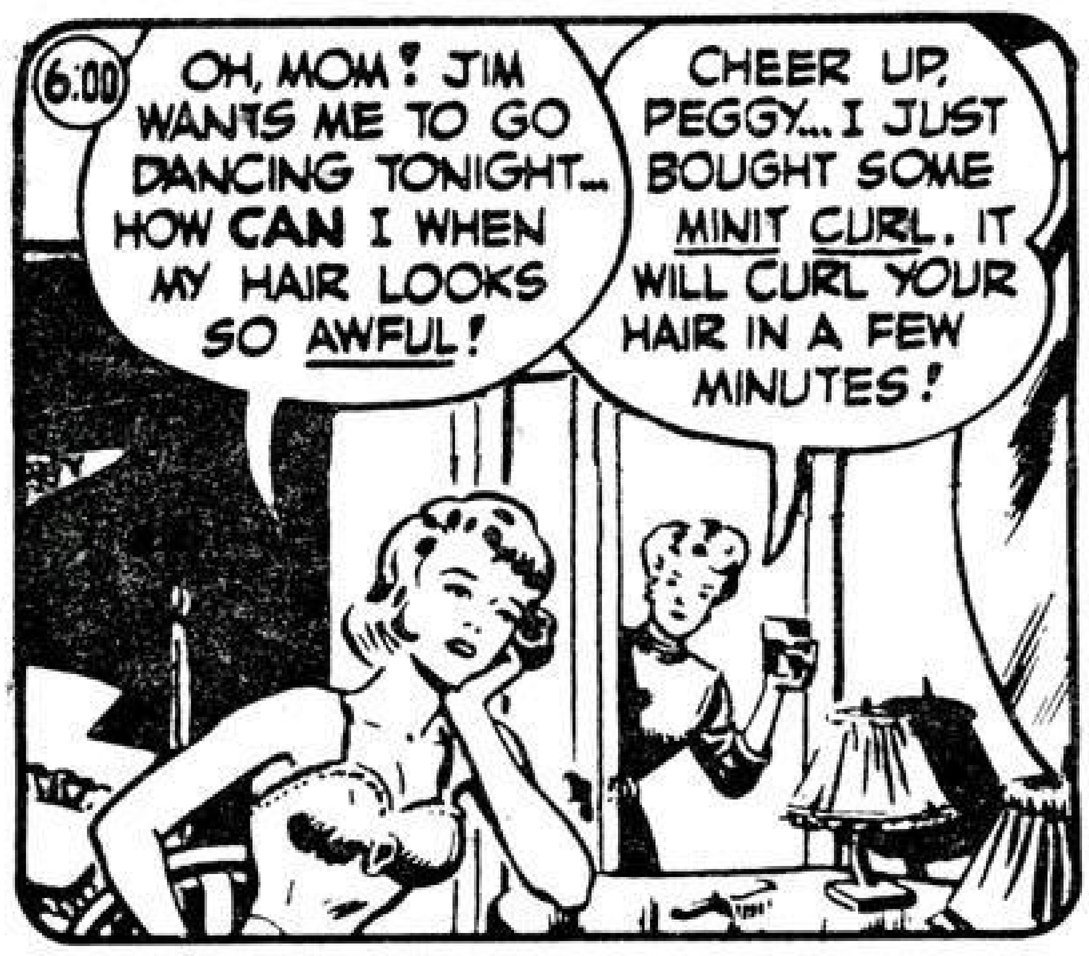
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OH, MOM! JIM WANTS ME TO GO DANCING TONIGHT... HOW CAN I WHEN MY HAIR LOOKS SO AWFUL!
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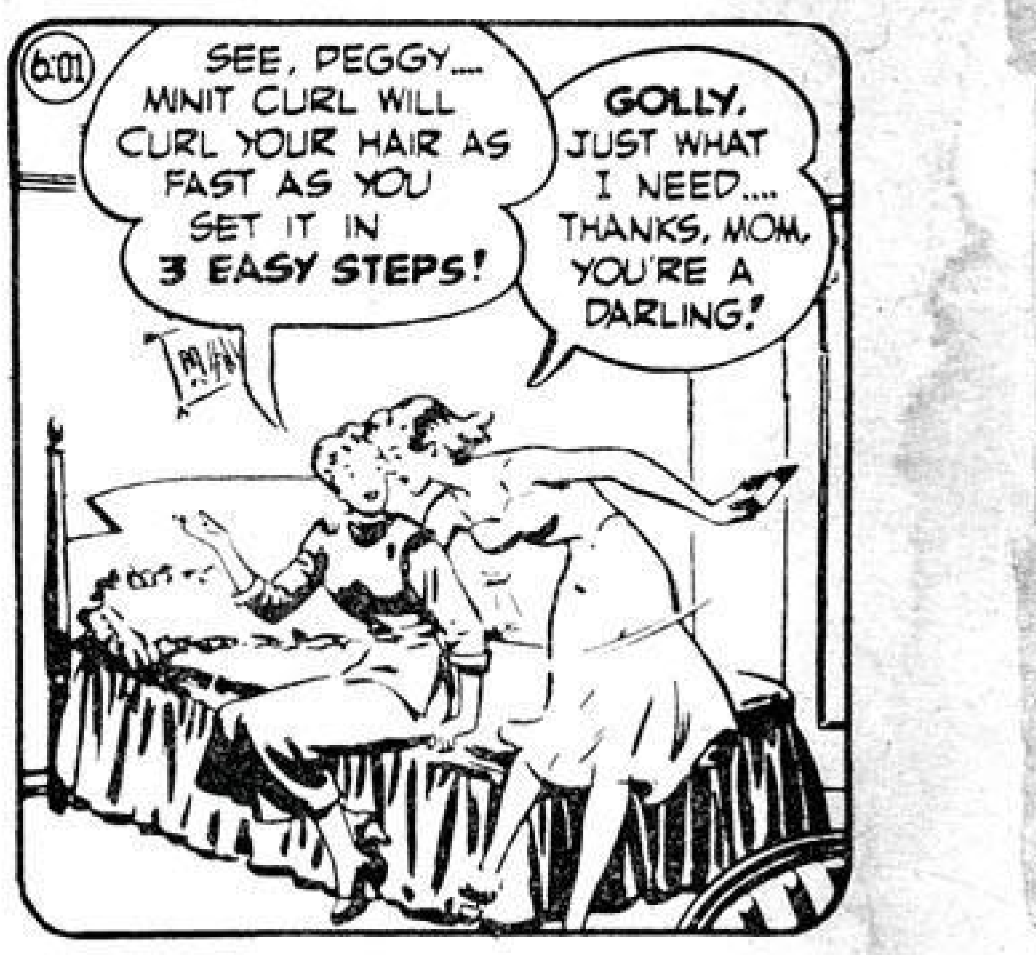
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SEE, PEGGY... MINIT CURL WILL CURL YOUR HAIR AS FAST AS YOU SET IT IN 3 EASY STEPS!
GOLLY, JUST WHAT I NEED.... THANKS, MOM, YOU'RE A DARLING!

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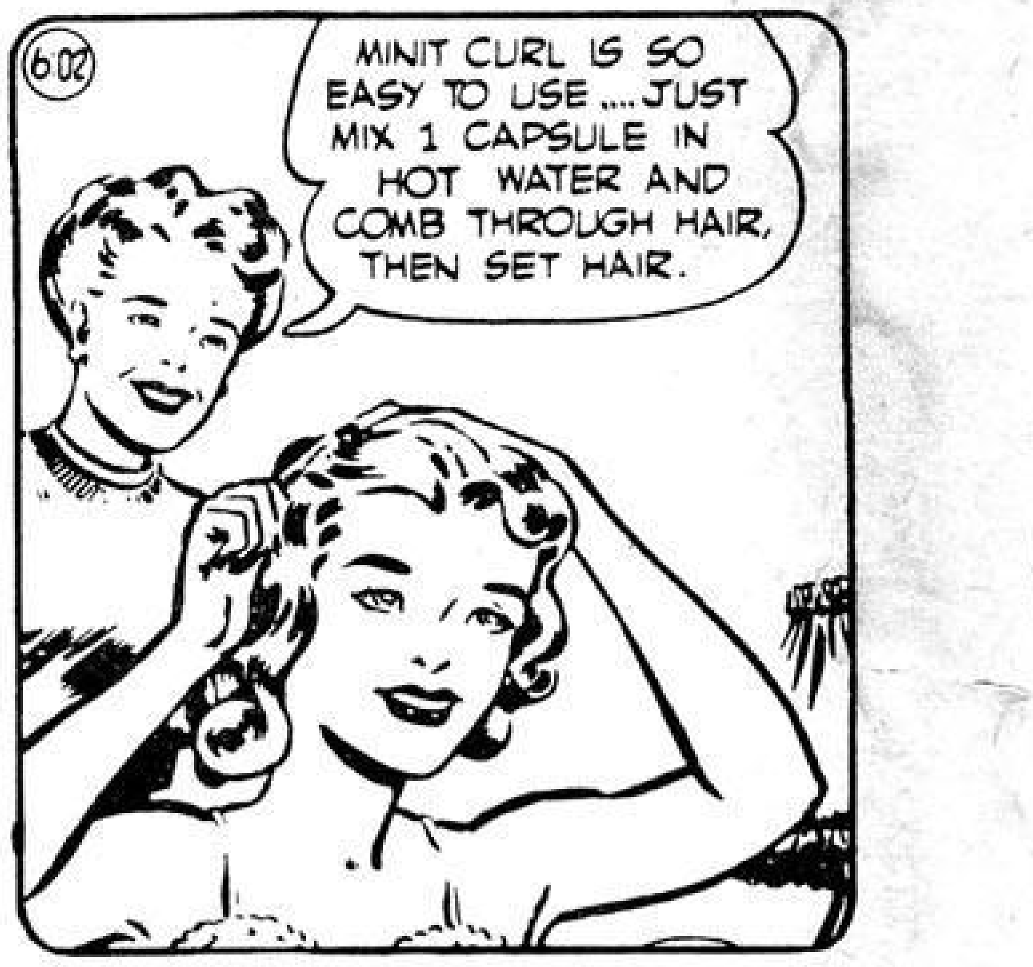
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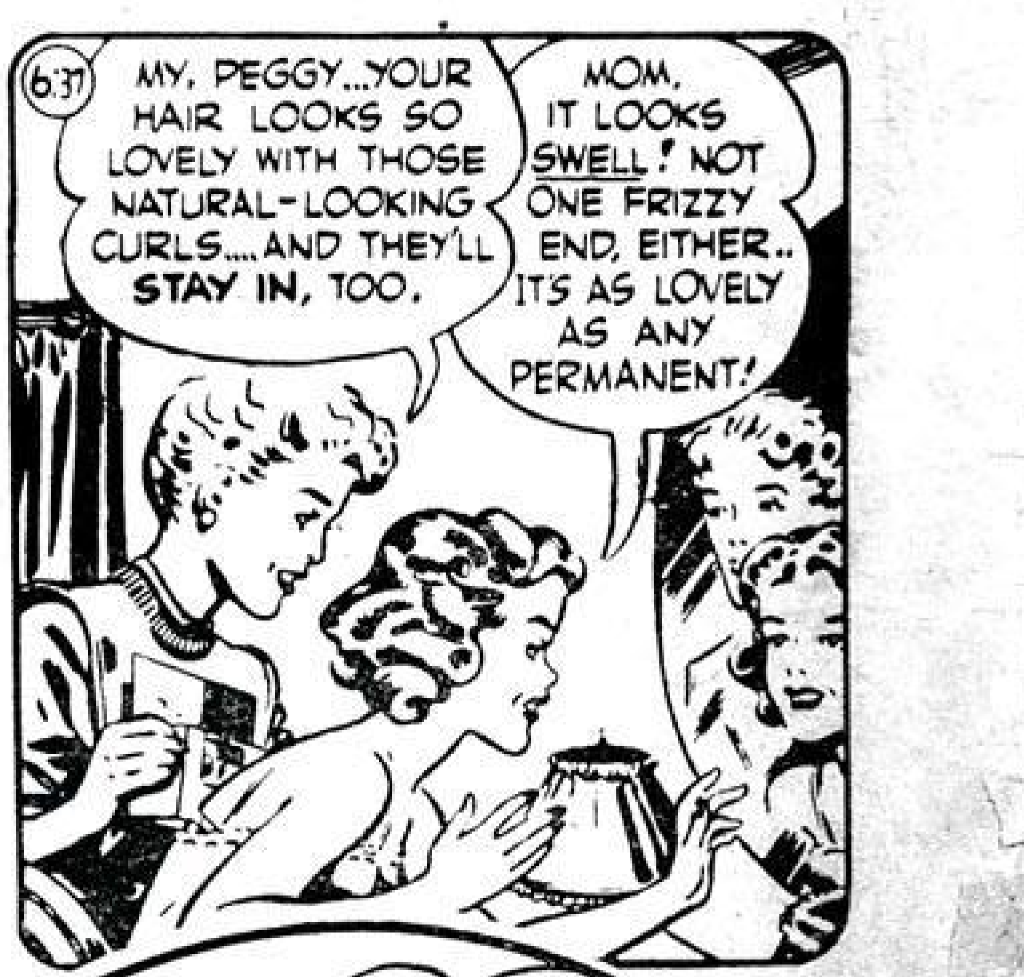
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MY, PEGGY... YOUR HAIR LOOKS SO LOVELY WITH THOSE NATURAL-LOOKING CURLS... AND THEY'LL STAY IN, TOO.
MOM, IT LOOKS SWELL! NOT ONE FRIZZY END, EITHER.. IT'S AS LOVELY AS ANY PERMANENT!

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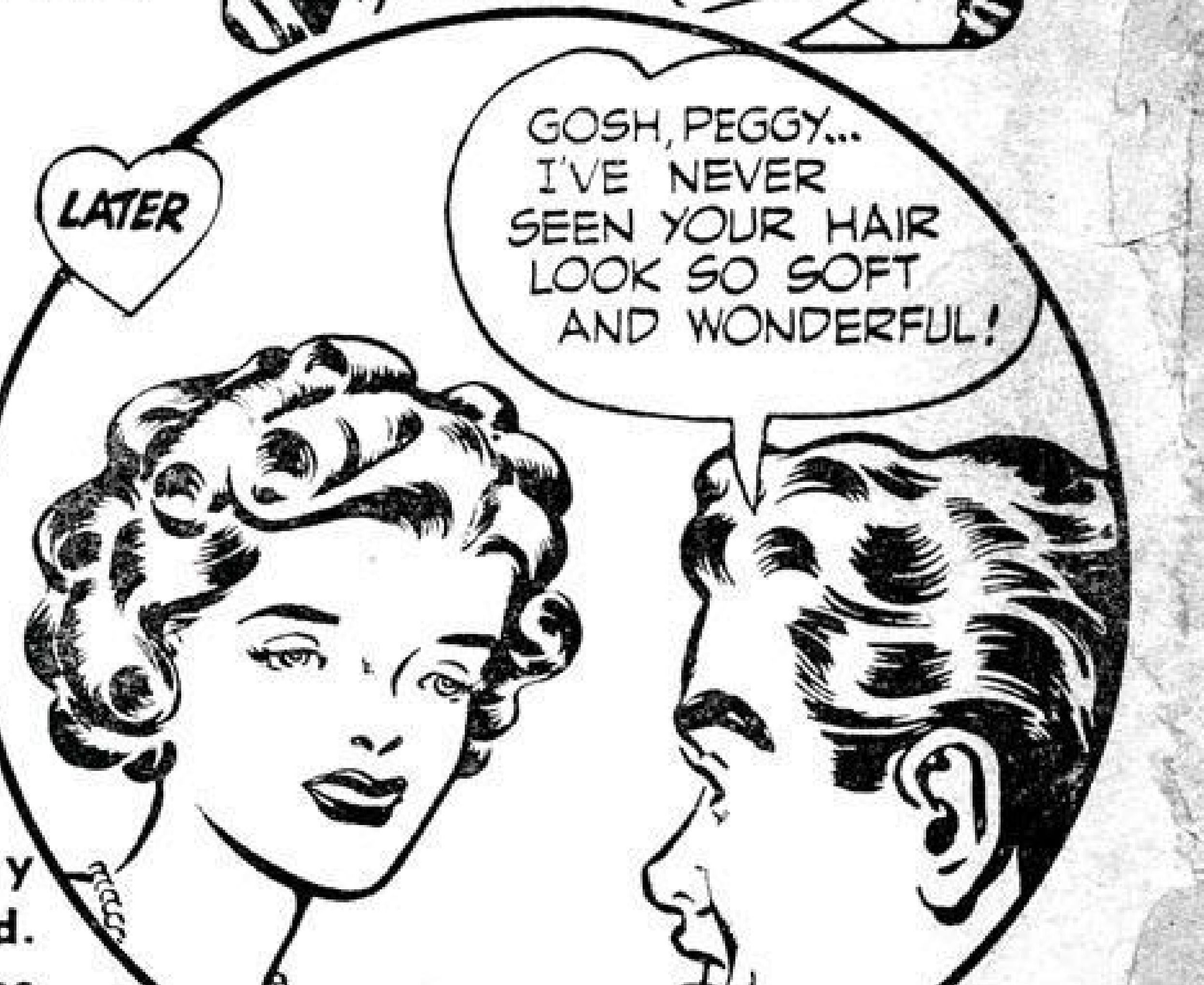
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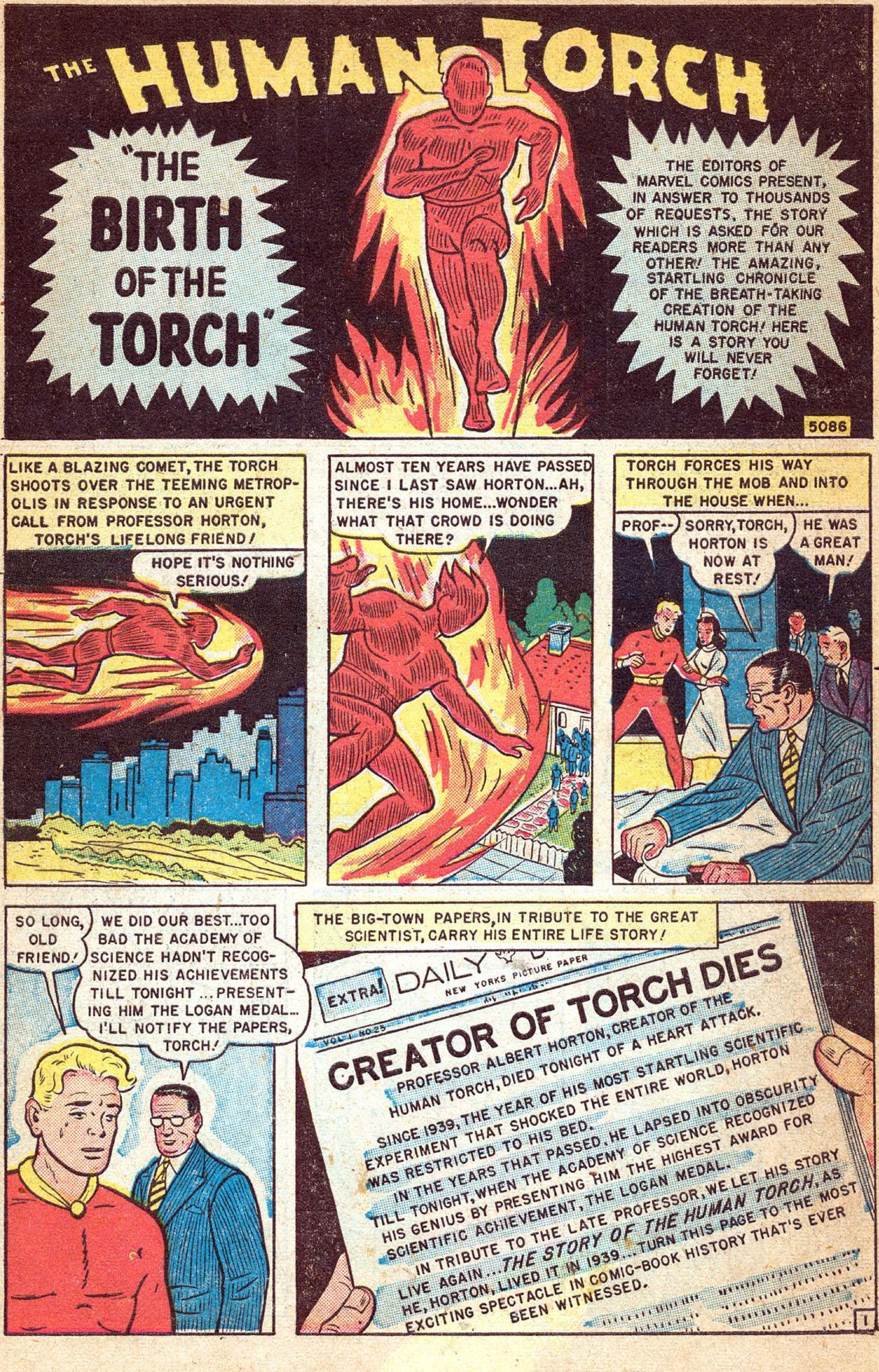
THE HUMAN TORCH
"THE BIRTH OF THE TORCH"
THE EDITORS OF MARVEL COMICS PRESENT, IN ANSWER TO THOUSANDS OF REQUESTS, THE STORY WHICH IS ASKED FOR OUR READERS MORE THAN ANY OTHER! THE AMAZING, STARTLING CHRONICLE OF THE BREATH-TAKING CREATION OF THE HUMAN TORCH! HERE IS A STORY YOU WILL NEVER FORGET!
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LIKE A BLAZING COMET, THE TORCH SHOOTS OVER THE TEEMING METROPOLIS IN RESPONSE TO AN URGENT CALL FROM PROFESSOR HORTON, TORCH'S LIFELONG FRIEND!
HOPE IT'S NOTHING SERIOUS!
ALMOST TEN YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE I LAST SAW HORTON...AH, THERE'S HIS HOME...WONDER WHAT THAT CROWD IS DOING THERE?
TORCH FORCES HIS WAY THROUGH THE MOB AND INTO THE HOUSE WHEN...
PROF--
SORRY, TORCH, HORTON IS NOW AT REST!
HE WAS A GREAT MAN!
SO LONG, OLD FRIEND!
WE DID OUR BEST...TOO BAD THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE HADN'T RECOGNIZED HIS ACHIEVEMENTS TILL TONIGHT ... PRESENTING HIM THE LOGAN MEDAL... I'LL NOTIFY THE PAPERS, TORCH!
THE BIG-TOWN PAPERS, IN TRIBUTE TO THE GREAT SCIENTIST, CARRY HIS ENTIRE LIFE STORY!
EXTRA! DAILY
NEW YORKS PICTURE PAPER
CREATOR OF TORCH DIES
PROFESSOR ALBERT HORTON, CREATOR OF THE HUMAN TORCH, DIED TONIGHT OF A HEART ATTACK.
SINCE 1939, THE YEAR OF HIS MOST STARTLING SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENT THAT SHOCKED THE ENTIRE WORLD, HORTON WAS RESTRICTED TO HIS BED.
IN THE YEARS THAT PASSED, HE LAPSED INTO OBSCURITY TILL TONIGHT, WHEN THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE RECOGNIZED HIS GENIUS BY PRESENTING HIM THE HIGHEST AWARD FOR SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENT, THE LOGAN MEDAL.
IN TRIBUTE TO THE LATE PROFESSOR, WE LET HIS STORY LIVE AGAIN... THE STORY OF THE HUMAN TORCH, AS HE, HORTON, LIVED IT IN 1939... TURN THIS PAGE TO THE MOST EXCITING SPECTACLE IN COMIC-BOOK HISTORY THAT'S EVER BEEN WITNESSED.
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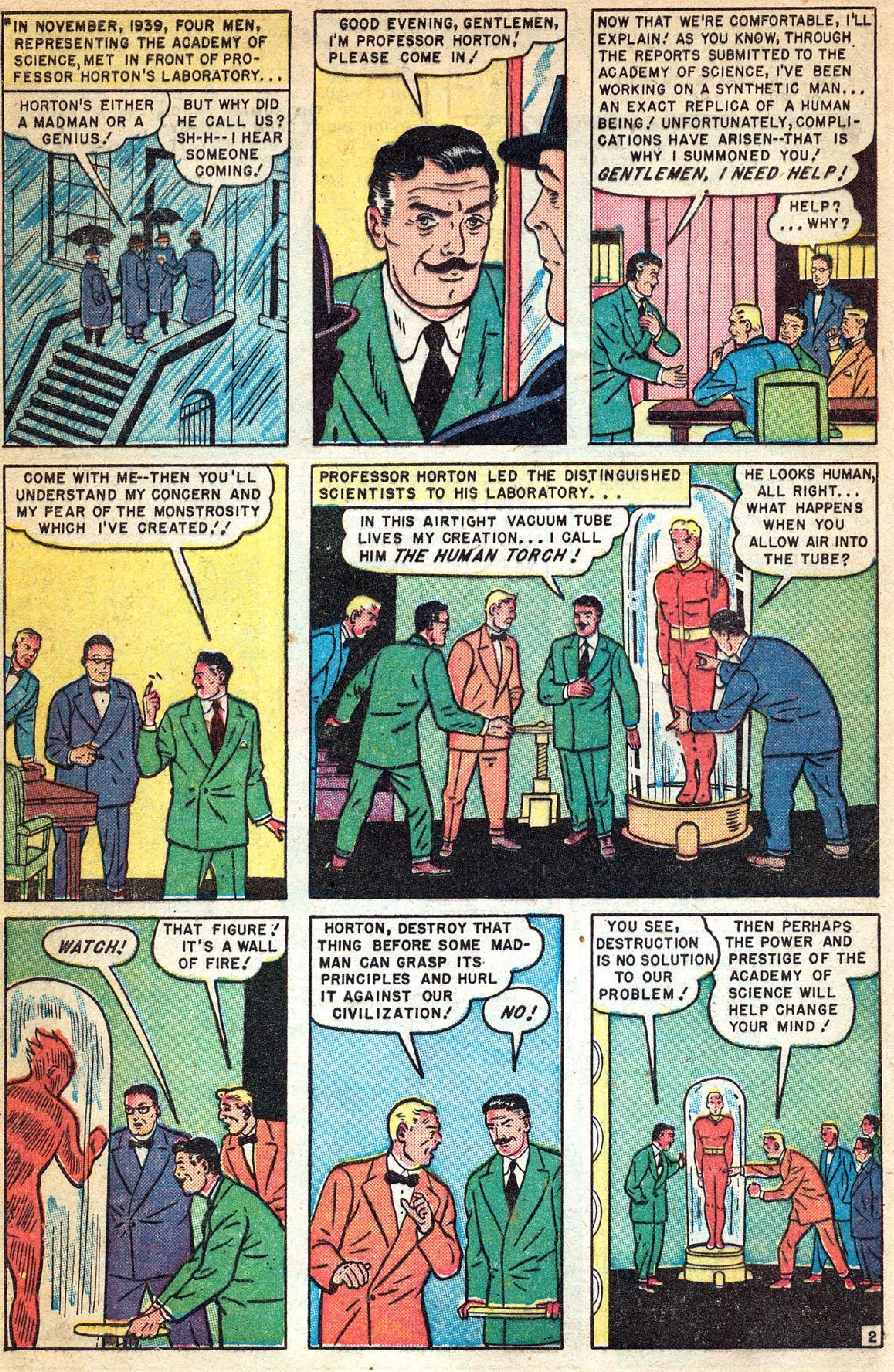
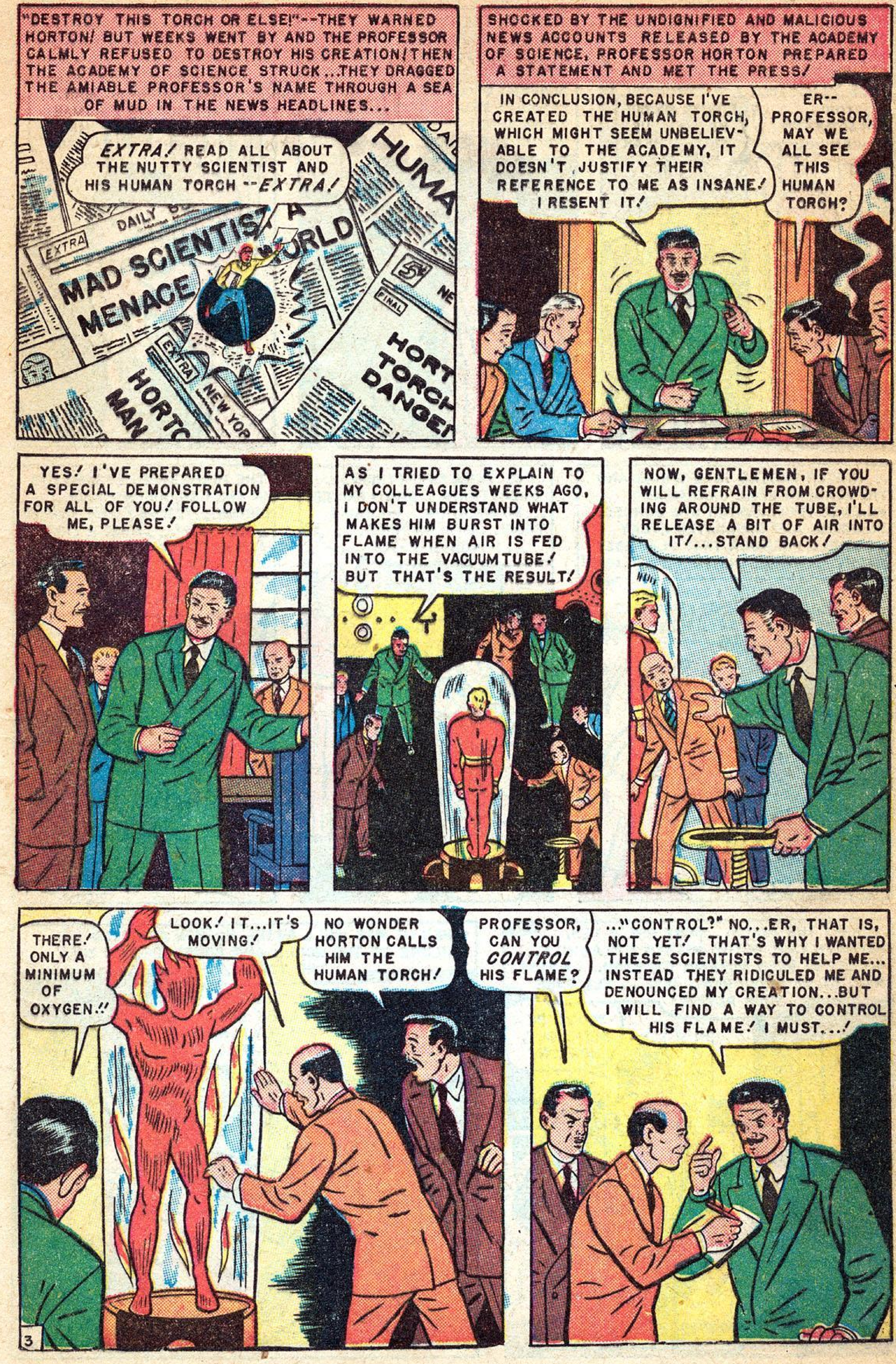

"IN NOVEMBER, 1939, FOUR MEN, REPRESENTING THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE, MET IN FRONT OF PROFESSOR HORTON'S LABORATORY...
HORTON'S EITHER A MADMAN OR A GENIUS!
BUT WHY DID HE CALL US? SH-H-- I HEAR SOMEONE COMING!
GOOD EVENING, GENTLEMEN, I'M PROFESSOR HORTON! PLEASE COME IN!
NOW THAT WE'RE COMFORTABLE, I'LL EXPLAIN! AS YOU KNOW, THROUGH THE REPORTS SUBMITTED TO THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE, I'VE BEEN WORKING ON A SYNTHETIC MAN... AN EXACT REPLICA OF A HUMAN BEING! UNFORTUNATELY, COMPLICATIONS HAVE ARISEN--THAT IS WHY I SUMMONED YOU! GENTLEMEN, I NEED HELP!
HELP? ... WHY?
COME WITH ME--THEN YOU'LL UNDERSTAND MY CONCERN AND MY FEAR OF THE MONSTROSITY WHICH I'VE CREATED!!
PROFESSOR HORTON LED THE DISTINGUISHED SCIENTISTS TO HIS LABORATORY. . .
IN THIS AIRTIGHT VACUUM TUBE LIVES MY CREATION... I CALL HIM THE HUMAN TORCH!
HE LOOKS HUMAN, ALL RIGHT... WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU ALLOW AIR INTO THE TUBE?
WATCH!
THAT FIGURE! IT'S A WALL OF FIRE!
HORTON, DESTROY THAT THING BEFORE SOME MADMAN CAN GRASP ITS PRINCIPLES AND HURL IT AGAINST OUR CIVILIZATION!
NO!
YOU SEE, DESTRUCTION IS NO SOLUTION TO OUR PROBLEM!
THEN PERHAPS THE POWER AND PRESTIGE OF THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE WILL HELP CHANGE YOUR MIND!


"DESTROY THIS TORCH OR ELSE!"--THEY WARNED HORTON! BUT WEEKS WENT BY AND THE PROFESSOR CALMLY REFUSED TO DESTROY HIS CREATION! THEN THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE STRUCK ..THEY DRAGGED THE AMIABLE PROFESSOR'S NAME THROUGH A SEA OF MUD IN THE NEWS HEADLINES...
EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT THE NUTTY SCIENTIST AND HIS HUMAN TORCH --EXTRA!
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SHOCKED BY THE UNDIGNIFIED AND MALICIOUS NEWS ACCOUNTS RELEASED BY THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE, PROFESSOR HORTON PREPARED A STATEMENT AND MET THE PRESS!
IN CONCLUSION, BECAUSE I'VE CREATED THE HUMAN TORCH, WHICH MIGHT SEEM UNBELIEVABLE TO THE ACADEMY, IT DOESN'T JUSTIFY THEIR REFERENCE TO ME AS INSANE! I RESENT IT!
ER-- PROFESSOR, MAY WE ALL SEE THIS HUMAN TORCH?
YES! I'VE PREPARED A SPECIAL DEMONSTRATION FOR ALL OF YOU! FOLLOW ME, PLEASE!
AS I TRIED TO EXPLAIN TO MY COLLEAGUES WEEKS AGO, I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT MAKES HIM BURST INTO FLAME WHEN AIR IS FED INTO THE VACUUM TUBE! BUT THAT'S THE RESULT!
NOW, GENTLEMEN, IF YOU WILL REFRAIN FROM CROWDING AROUND THE TUBE, I'LL RELEASE A BIT OF AIR INTO IT!...STAND BACK!
THERE! ONLY A MINIMUM OF OXYGEN.!!
LOOK! IT...IT'S MOVING!
NO WONDER HORTON CALLS HIM THE HUMAN TORCH!
PROFESSOR, CAN YOU CONTROL HIS FLAME?
..."CONTROL?" NO...ER, THAT IS, NOT YET! THAT'S WHY I WANTED THESE SCIENTISTS TO HELP ME... INSTEAD THEY RIDICULED ME AND DENOUNCED MY CREATION...BUT I WILL FIND A WAY TO CONTROL HIS FLAME! I MUST...!
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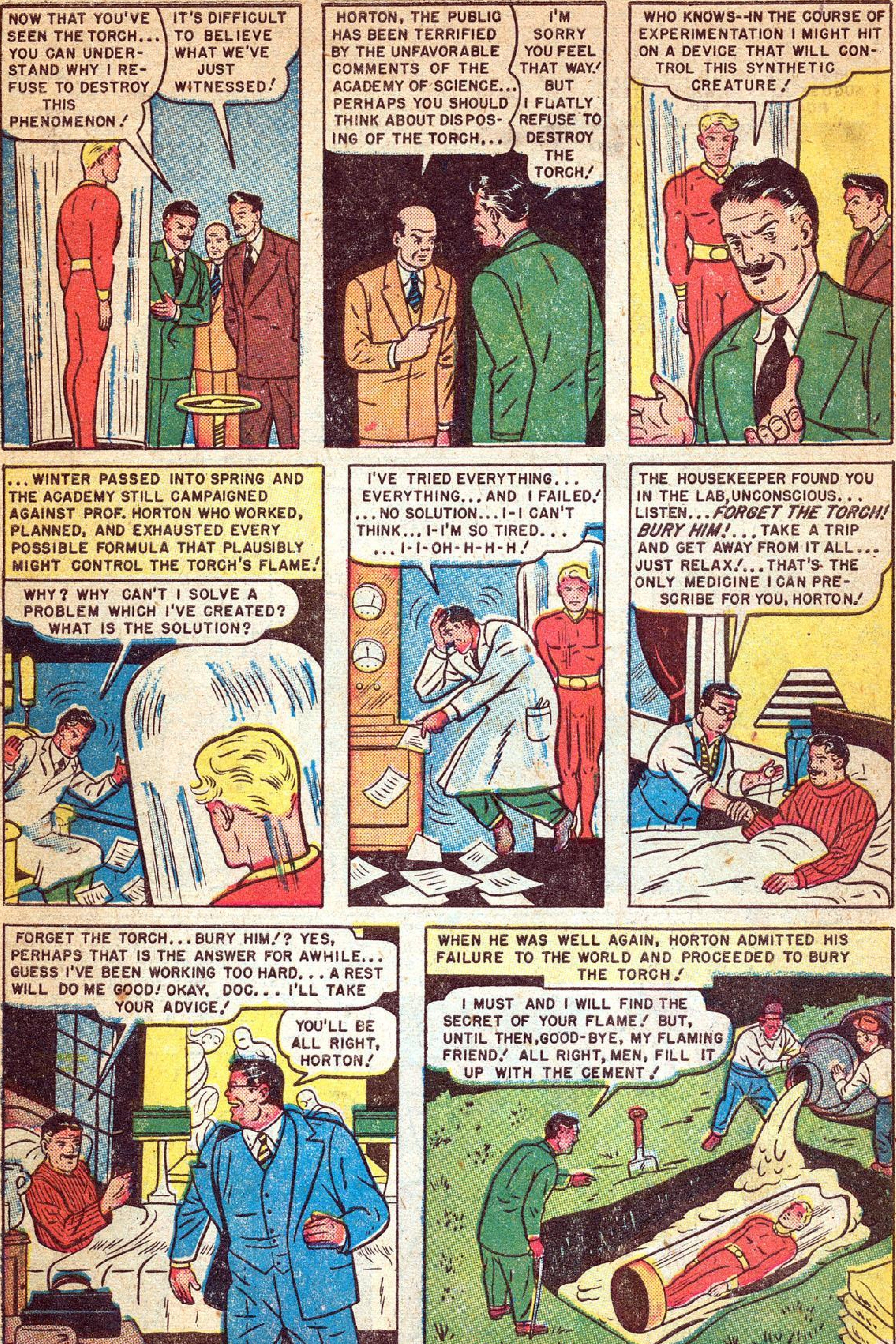
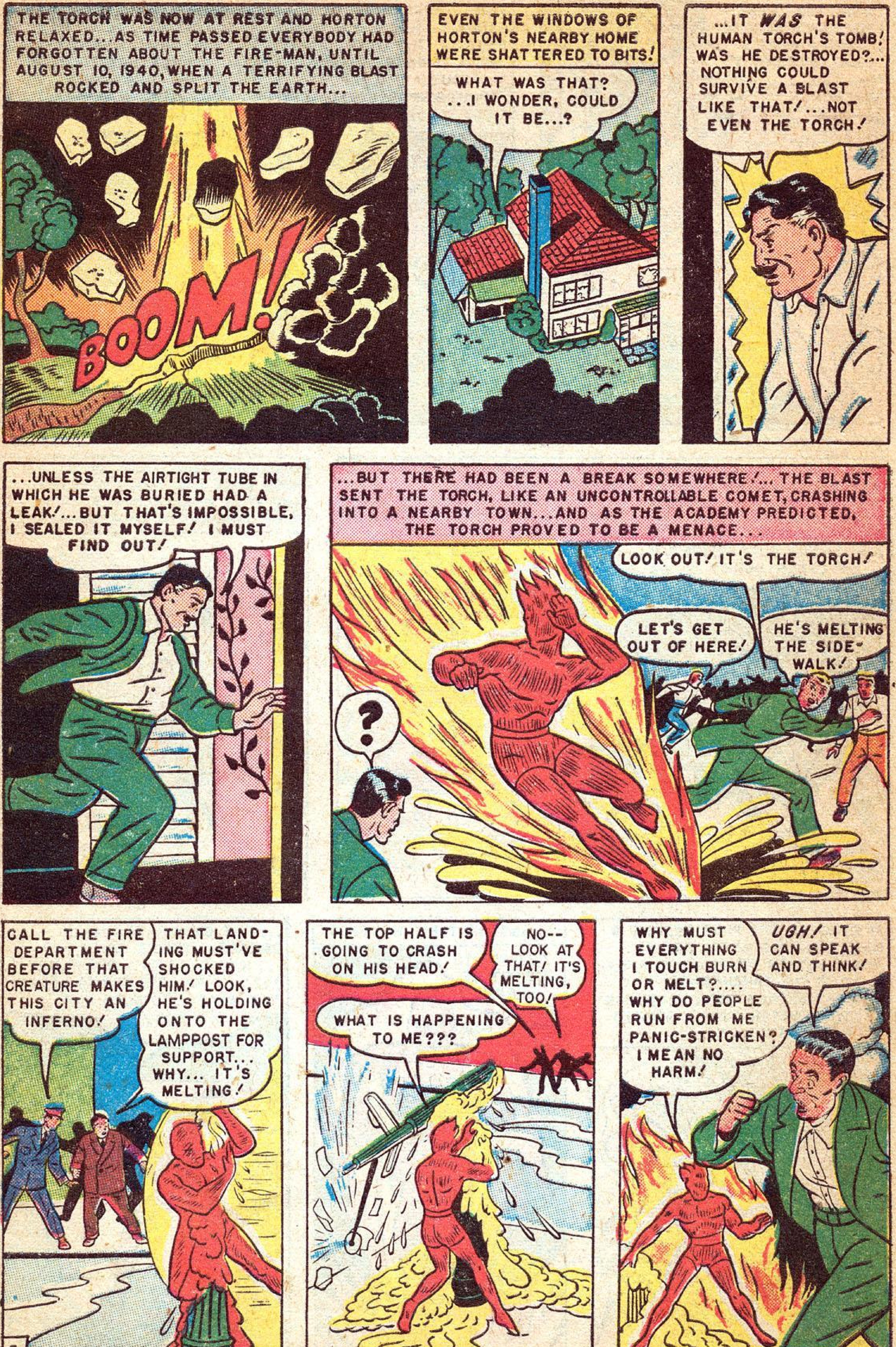

NOW THAT YOU'VE SEEN THE TORCH... YOU CAN UNDERSTAND WHY I REFUSE TO DESTROY THIS PHENOMENON!
IT'S DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE WHAT WE'VE JUST WITNESSED!
HORTON, THE PUBLIC HAS BEEN TERRIFIED BY THE UNFAVORABLE COMMENTS OF THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE... PERHAPS YOU SHOULD THINK ABOUT DISPOSING OF THE TORCH,...
I'M SORRY YOU FEEL THAT WAY! BUT I FLATLY REFUSE TO DESTROY THE TORCH!
WHO KNOWS--IN THE COURSE OF EXPERIMENTATION I MIGHT HIT ON A DEVICE THAT WILL CONTROL THIS SYNTHETIC CREATURE!
...WINTER PASSED INTO SPRING AND THE ACADEMY STILL CAMPAIGNED AGAINST PROF. HORTON WHO WORKED, PLANNED, AND EXHAUSTED EVERY POSSIBLE FORMULA THAT PLAUSIBLY MIGHT CONTROL THE TORCH'S FLAME!
WHY? WHY CAN'T I SOLVE A PROBLEM WHICH I'VE CREATED? WHAT IS THE SOLUTION?
I'VE TRIED EVERYTHING... EVERYTHING... AND I FAILED! ...NO SOLUTION... I-I CAN'T THINK... I-I'M SO TIRED... ...I-I-OH-H-H-H!
THE HOUSEKEEPER FOUND YOU IN THE LAB, UNCONSCIOUS... LISTEN... *FORGET THE TORCH! BURY HIM!*... TAKE A TRIP AND GET AWAY FROM IT ALL... JUST RELAX!... THAT'S THE ONLY MEDICINE I CAN PRESCRIBE FOR YOU, HORTON!
FORGET THE TORCH... BURY HIM!? YES, PERHAPS THAT IS THE ANSWER FOR AWHILE... GUESS I'VE BEEN WORKING TOO HARD... A REST WILL DO ME GOOD! OKAY, DOC... I'LL TAKE YOUR ADVICE!
YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT, HORTON!
WHEN HE WAS WELL AGAIN, HORTON ADMITTED HIS FAILURE TO THE WORLD AND PROCEEDED TO BURY THE TORCH!
I MUST AND I WILL FIND THE SECRET OF YOUR FLAME! BUT, UNTIL THEN, GOOD-BYE, MY FLAMING FRIEND! ALL RIGHT, MEN, FILL IT UP WITH THE CEMENT!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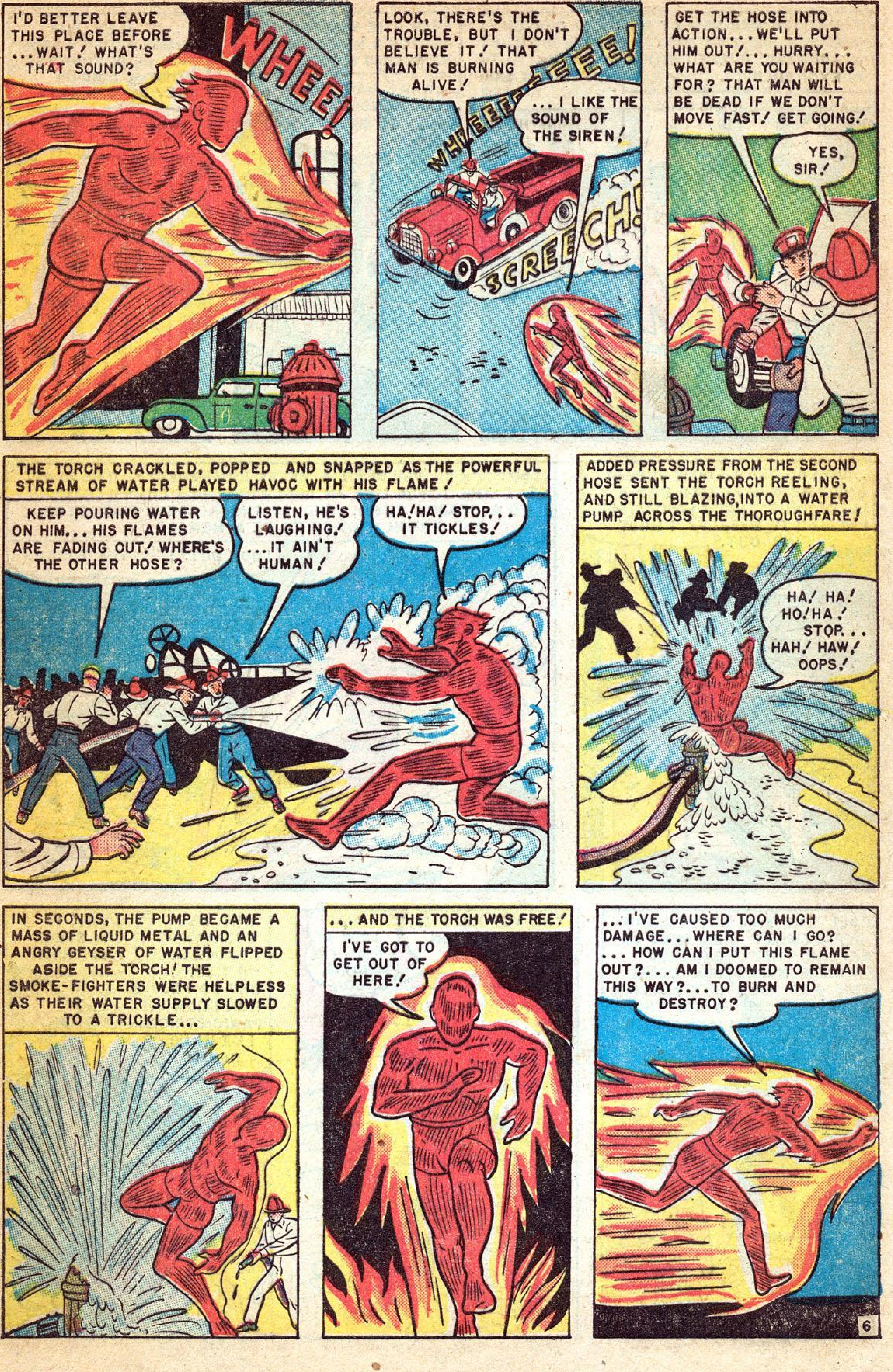
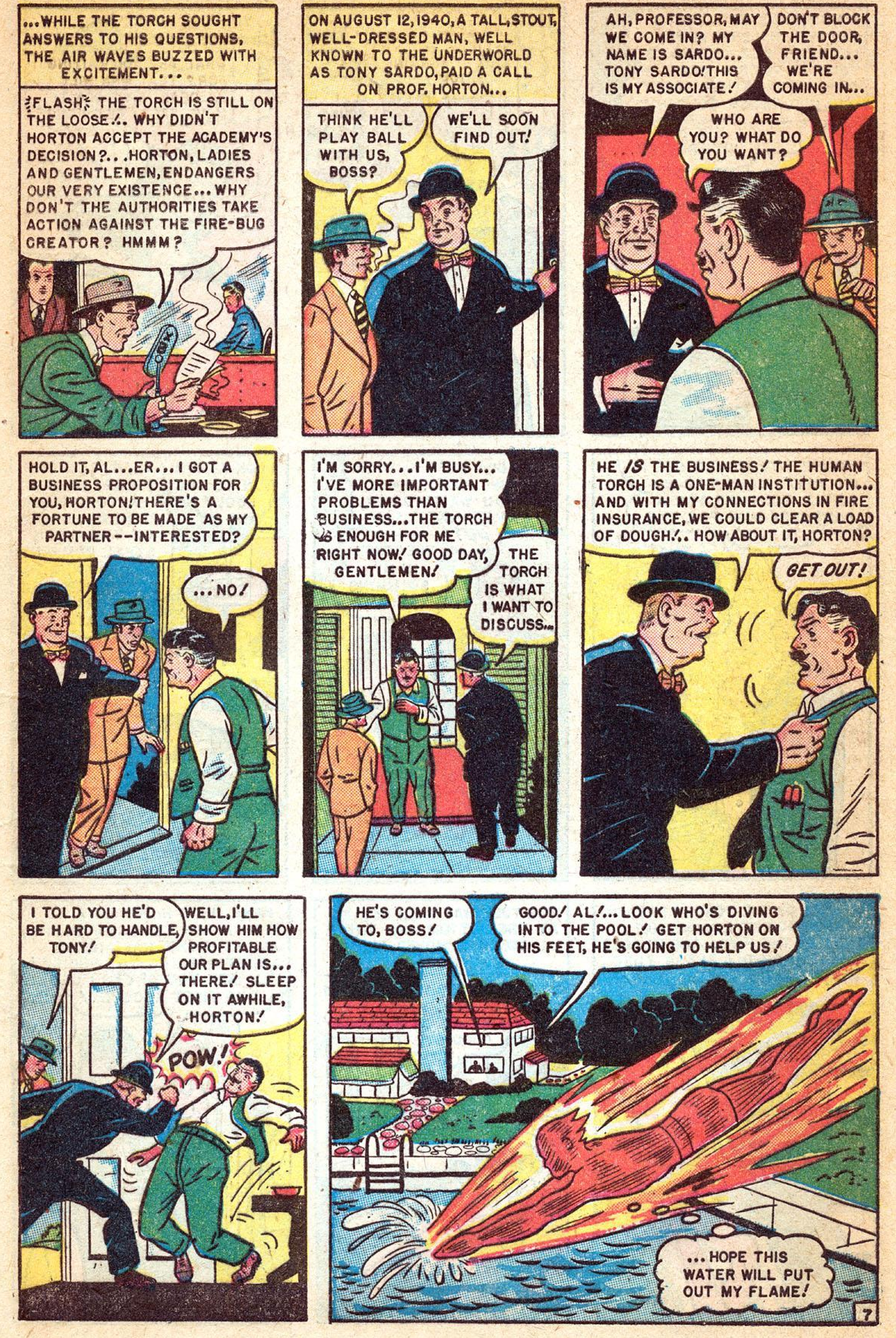
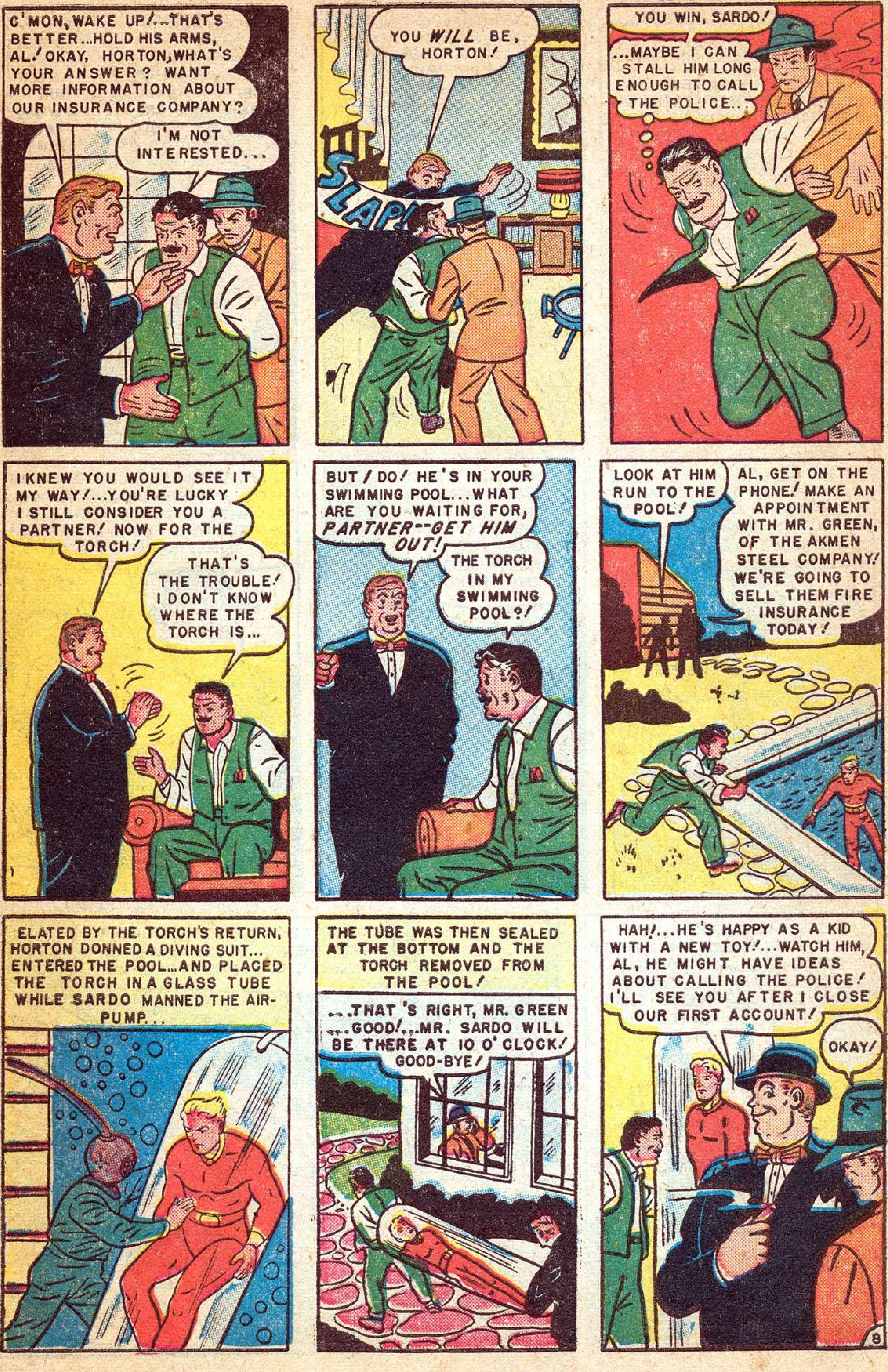
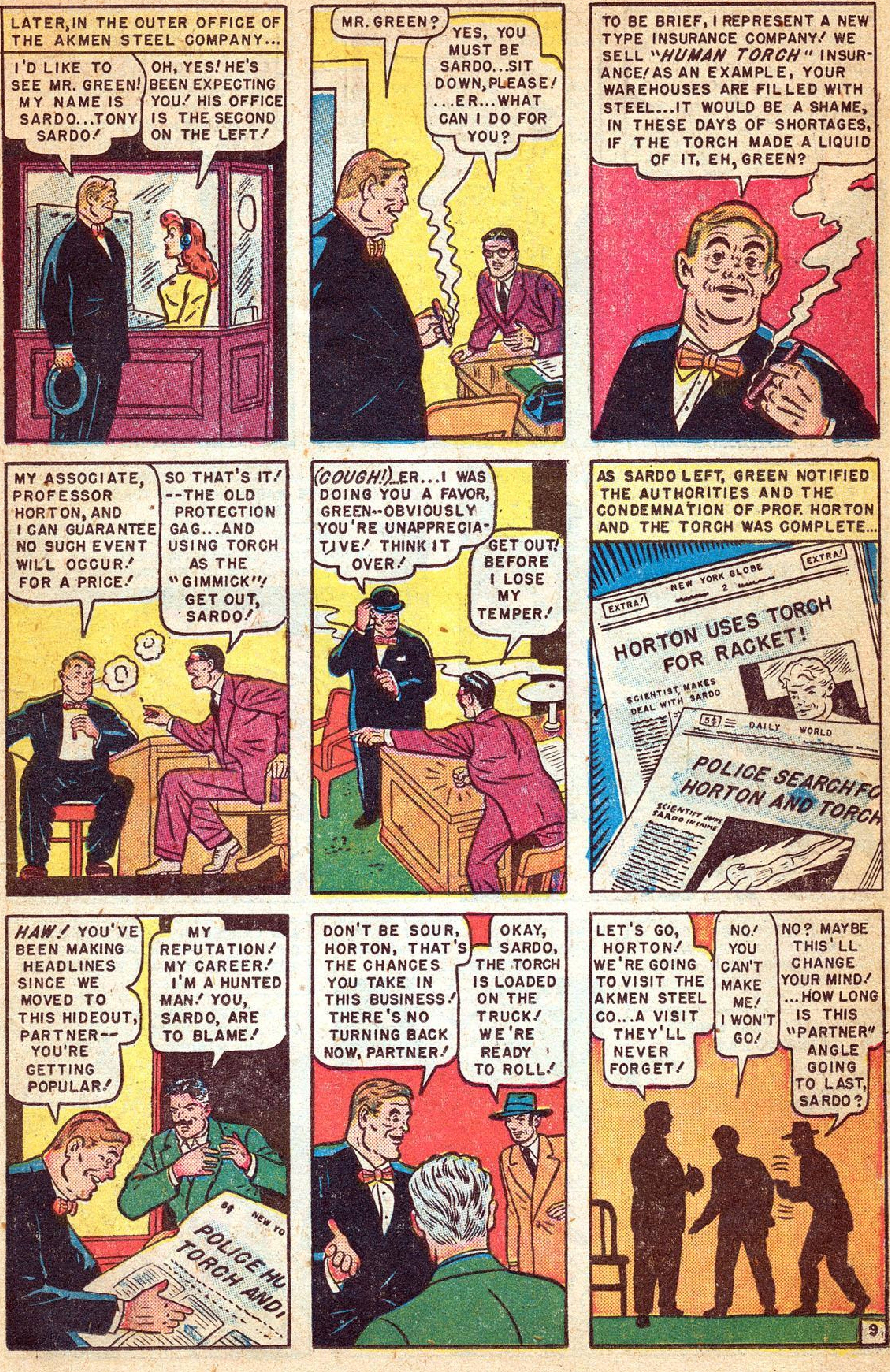

I'D BETTER LEAVE THIS PLACE BEFORE ... WAIT! WHAT'S THAT SOUND?
WHEE!
LOOK, THERE'S THE TROUBLE, BUT I DON'T BELIEVE IT! THAT MAN IS BURNING ALIVE!
WHEEEEEEEEEEE!
... I LIKE THE SOUND OF THE SIREN!
SCREECH!
GET THE HOSE INTO ACTION... WE'LL PUT HIM OUT!... HURRY... WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? THAT MAN WILL BE DEAD IF WE DON'T MOVE FAST! GET GOING!
YES, SIR!
THE TORCH CRACKLED, POPPED AND SNAPPED AS THE POWERFUL STREAM OF WATER PLAYED HAVOC WITH HIS FLAME!
KEEP POURING WATER ON HIM... HIS FLAMES ARE FADING OUT! WHERE'S THE OTHER HOSE?
LISTEN, HE'S LAUGHING! ...IT AIN'T HUMAN!
HA! HA! STOP... IT TICKLES!
ADDED PRESSURE FROM THE SECOND HOSE SENT THE TORCH REELING, AND STILL BLAZING, INTO A WATER PUMP ACROSS THE THOROUGHFARE!
HA! HA! HO! HA! STOP... HAH! HAW! OOPS!
IN SECONDS, THE PUMP BECAME A MASS OF LIQUID METAL AND AN ANGRY GEYSER OF WATER FLIPPED ASIDE THE TORCH! THE SMOKE-FIGHTERS WERE HELPLESS AS THEIR WATER SUPPLY SLOWED TO A TRICKLE...
... AND THE TORCH WAS FREE!
I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!
... I'VE CAUSED TOO MUCH DAMAGE... WHERE CAN I GO? ... HOW CAN I PUT THIS FLAME OUT?... AM I DOOMED TO REMAIN THIS WAY?... TO BURN AND DESTROY?


...WHILE THE TORCH SOUGHT ANSWERS TO HIS QUESTIONS, THE AIR WAVES BUZZED WITH EXCITEMENT...
FLASH! THE TORCH IS STILL ON THE LOOSE!.. WHY DIDN'T HORTON ACCEPT THE ACADEMY'S DECISION?.. HORTON, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, ENDANGERS OUR VERY EXISTENCE... WHY DON'T THE AUTHORITIES TAKE ACTION AGAINST THE FIRE-BUG CREATOR? HMMM?
ON AUGUST 12, 1940, A TALL, STOUT, WELL-DRESSED MAN, WELL KNOWN TO THE UNDERWORLD AS TONY SARDO, PAID A CALL ON PROF. HORTON...
THINK HE'LL PLAY BALL WITH US, BOSS?
WE'LL SOON FIND OUT!
AH, PROFESSOR, MAY WE COME IN? MY NAME IS SARDO... TONY SARDO! THIS IS MY ASSOCIATE!
DON'T BLOCK THE DOOR, FRIEND... WE'RE COMING IN...
WHO ARE YOU? WHAT DO YOU WANT?
HOLD IT, AL...ER... I GOT A BUSINESS PROPOSITION FOR YOU, HORTON! THERE'S A FORTUNE TO BE MADE AS MY PARTNER--INTERESTED?
...NO!
I'M SORRY...I'M BUSY... I'VE MORE IMPORTANT PROBLEMS THAN BUSINESS...THE TORCH IS ENOUGH FOR ME RIGHT NOW! GOOD DAY, GENTLEMEN!
THE TORCH IS WHAT I WANT TO DISCUSS...
HE IS THE BUSINESS! THE HUMAN TORCH IS A ONE-MAN INSTITUTION... AND WITH MY CONNECTIONS IN FIRE INSURANCE, WE COULD CLEAR A LOAD OF DOUGH!.. HOW ABOUT IT, HORTON?
GET OUT!
I TOLD YOU HE'D BE HARD TO HANDLE, TONY!
WELL, I'LL SHOW HIM HOW PROFITABLE OUR PLAN IS... THERE! SLEEP ON IT AWHILE, HORTON!
POW!
HE'S COMING TO, BOSS!
GOOD! AL!... LOOK WHO'S DIVING INTO THE POOL! GET HORTON ON HIS FEET, HE'S GOING TO HELP US!
...HOPE THIS WATER WILL PUT OUT MY FLAME!


C'MON, WAKE UP!...THAT'S BETTER...HOLD HIS ARMS, AL! OKAY, HORTON, WHAT'S YOUR ANSWER? WANT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR INSURANCE COMPANY?
I'M NOT INTERESTED...
YOU *WILL* BE, HORTON!
SLAP!
YOU WIN, SARDO!
...MAYBE I CAN STALL HIM LONG ENOUGH TO CALL THE POLICE..
I KNEW YOU WOULD SEE IT MY WAY!...YOU'RE LUCKY I STILL CONSIDER YOU A PARTNER! NOW FOR THE TORCH!
THAT'S THE TROUBLE! I DON'T KNOW WHERE THE TORCH IS...
BUT *I* DO! HE'S IN YOUR SWIMMING POOL...WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR, *PARTNER--GET HIM OUT!*
THE TORCH IN MY SWIMMING POOL?!
LOOK AT HIM RUN TO THE POOL!
AL, GET ON THE PHONE! MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH MR. GREEN, OF THE AKMEN STEEL COMPANY! WE'RE GOING TO SELL THEM FIRE INSURANCE TODAY!
ELATED BY THE TORCH'S RETURN, HORTON DONNED A DIVING SUIT... ENTERED THE POOL...AND PLACED THE TORCH IN A GLASS TUBE WHILE SARDO MANNED THE AIR-PUMP...
THE TUBE WAS THEN SEALED AT THE BOTTOM AND THE TORCH REMOVED FROM THE POOL!
...THAT'S RIGHT, MR. GREEN ...GOOD!...MR. SARDO WILL BE THERE AT 10 O'CLOCK! GOOD-BYE!
HAH!...HE'S HAPPY AS A KID WITH A NEW TOY!...WATCH HIM, AL, HE MIGHT HAVE IDEAS ABOUT CALLING THE POLICE! I'LL SEE YOU AFTER I CLOSE OUR FIRST ACCOUNT!
OKAY!


LATER, IN THE OUTER OFFICE OF THE AKMEN STEEL COMPANY...
I'D LIKE TO SEE MR. GREEN! MY NAME IS SARDO...TONY SARDO!
OH, YES! HE'S BEEN EXPECTING YOU! HIS OFFICE IS THE SECOND ON THE LEFT!
MR. GREEN?
YES, YOU MUST BE SARDO...SIT DOWN, PLEASE! ...ER...WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?
TO BE BRIEF, I REPRESENT A NEW TYPE INSURANCE COMPANY! WE SELL "HUMAN TORCH" INSURANCE! AS AN EXAMPLE, YOUR WAREHOUSES ARE FILLED WITH STEEL...IT WOULD BE A SHAME, IN THESE DAYS OF SHORTAGES, IF THE TORCH MADE A LIQUID OF IT, EH, GREEN?
MY ASSOCIATE, PROFESSOR HORTON, AND I CAN GUARANTEE NO SUCH EVENT WILL OCCUR! FOR A PRICE!
SO THAT'S IT! --THE OLD PROTECTION GAG...AND USING TORCH AS THE "GIMMICK"! GET OUT, SARDO!
(COUGH!)...ER...I WAS DOING YOU A FAVOR, GREEN--OBVIOUSLY YOU'RE UNAPPRECIATIVE! THINK IT OVER!
GET OUT! BEFORE I LOSE MY TEMPER!
AS SARDO LEFT, GREEN NOTIFIED THE AUTHORITIES AND THE CONDEMNATION OF PROF. HORTON AND THE TORCH WAS COMPLETE...
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HORTON USES TORCH FOR RACKET!
SCIENTIST MAKES DEAL WITH SARDO
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DAILY WORLD
POLICE SEARCH FO HORTON AND TORCH
SCIENTIST JOINS SARDO IN CRIME
HAW! YOU'VE BEEN MAKING HEADLINES SINCE WE MOVED TO THIS HIDEOUT, PARTNER--YOU'RE GETTING POPULAR!
MY REPUTATION! MY CAREER! I'M A HUNTED MAN! YOU, SARDO, ARE TO BLAME!
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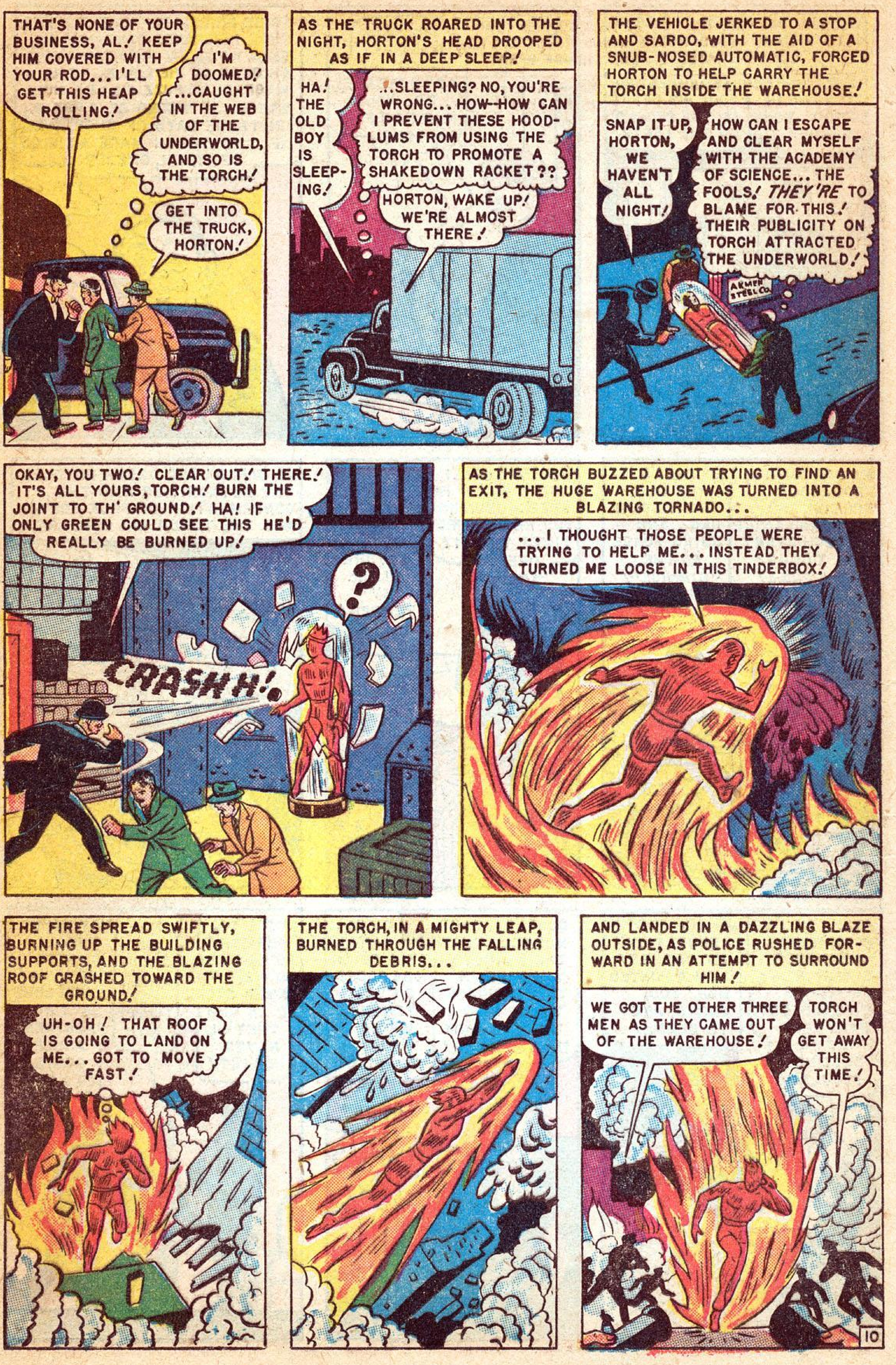
NEW YO
POLICE HU TORCH AND
DON'T BE SOUR, HORTON, THAT'S THE CHANCES YOU TAKE IN THIS BUSINESS! THERE'S NO TURNING BACK NOW, PARTNER!
OKAY, SARDO, THE TORCH IS LOADED ON THE TRUCK! WE'RE READY TO ROLL!
LET'S GO, HORTON! WE'RE GOING TO VISIT THE AKMEN STEEL CO...A VISIT THEY'LL NEVER FORGET!
NO! YOU CAN'T MAKE ME! I WON'T GO!
NO? MAYBE THIS'LL CHANGE YOUR MIND! ...HOW LONG IS THIS "PARTNER" ANGLE GOING TO LAST, SARDO?


THAT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS, AL! KEEP HIM COVERED WITH YOUR ROD... I'LL GET THIS HEAP ROLLING!
I'M DOOMED! ...CAUGHT IN THE WEB OF THE UNDERWORLD, AND SO IS THE TORCH!
GET INTO THE TRUCK, HORTON!
AS THE TRUCK ROARED INTO THE NIGHT, HORTON'S HEAD DROOPED AS IF IN A DEEP SLEEP!
HA! THE OLD BOY IS SLEEPING!
...SLEEPING? NO, YOU'RE WRONG... HOW-HOW CAN I PREVENT THESE HOODLUMS FROM USING THE TORCH TO PROMOTE A SHAKEDOWN RACKET??
HORTON, WAKE UP! WE'RE ALMOST THERE!
THE VEHICLE JERKED TO A STOP AND SARDO, WITH THE AID OF A SNUB-NOSED AUTOMATIC, FORCED HORTON TO HELP CARRY THE TORCH INSIDE THE WAREHOUSE!
SNAP IT UP, HORTON, WE HAVEN'T ALL NIGHT!
HOW CAN I ESCAPE AND CLEAR MYSELF WITH THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE... THE FOOLS! *THEY'RE* TO BLAME FOR THIS! THEIR PUBLICITY ON TORCH ATTRACTED THE UNDERWORLD!
AKMER STEEL CO.
OKAY, YOU TWO! CLEAR OUT! THERE! IT'S ALL YOURS, TORCH! BURN THE JOINT TO TH' GROUND! HA! IF ONLY GREEN COULD SEE THIS HE'D REALLY BE BURNED UP!
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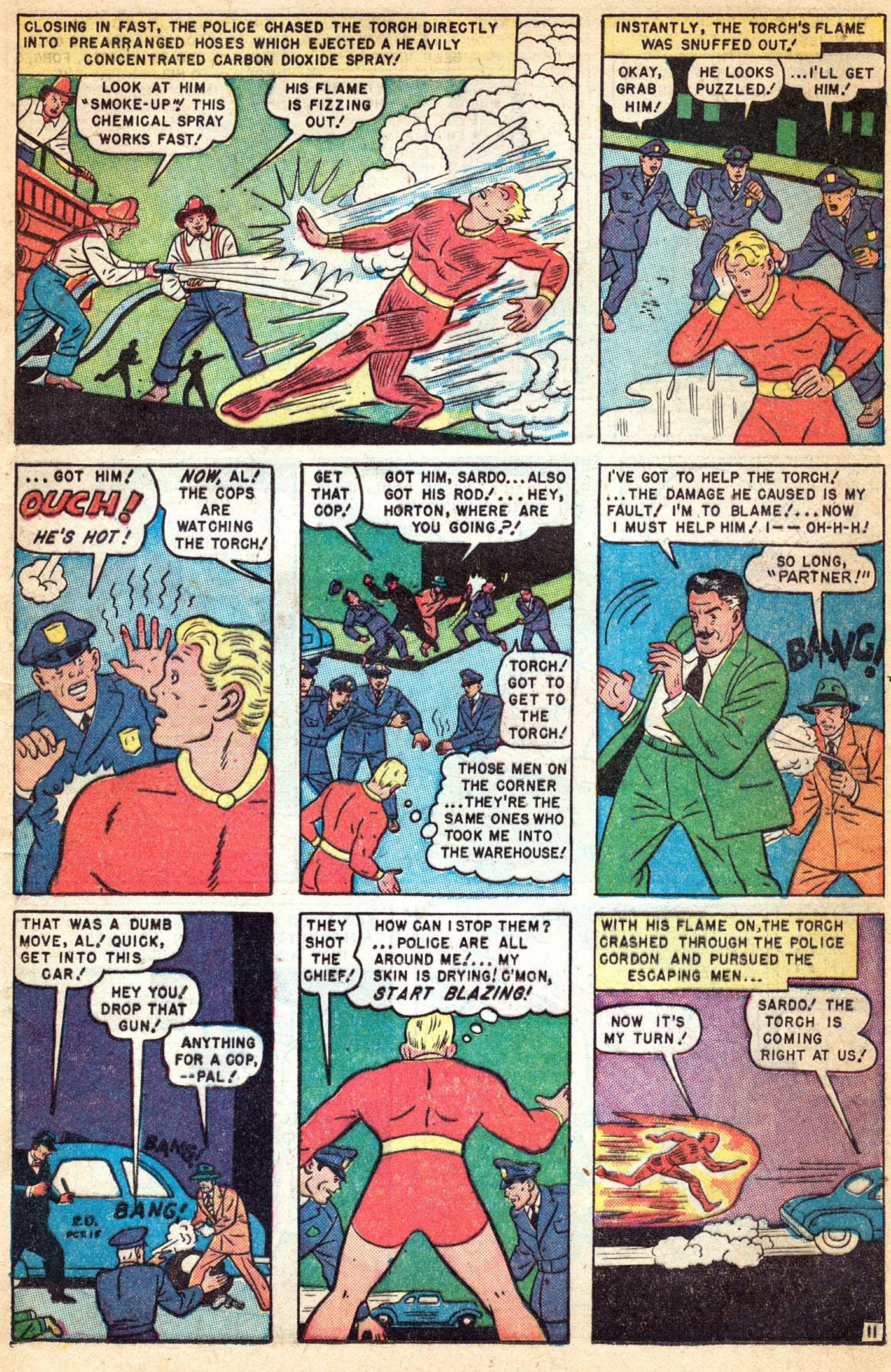
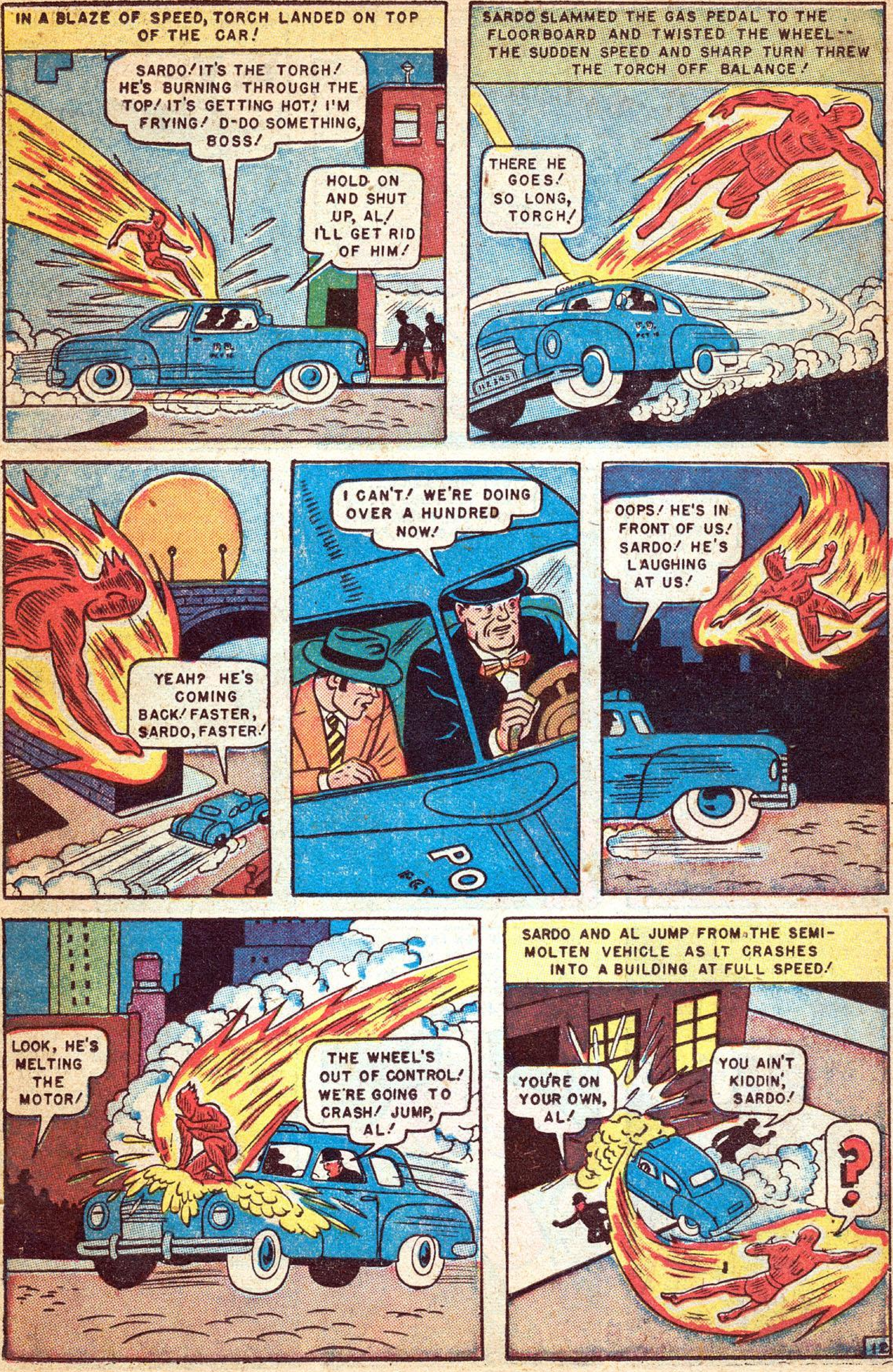
CRASHH!
AS THE TORCH BUZZED ABOUT TRYING TO FIND AN EXIT, THE HUGE WAREHOUSE WAS TURNED INTO A BLAZING TORNADO...
...I THOUGHT THOSE PEOPLE WERE TRYING TO HELP ME... INSTEAD THEY TURNED ME LOOSE IN THIS TINDERBOX!
THE FIRE SPREAD SWIFTLY, BURNING UP THE BUILDING SUPPORTS, AND THE BLAZING ROOF CRASHED TOWARD THE GROUND!
UH-OH! THAT ROOF IS GOING TO LAND ON ME... GOT TO MOVE FAST!
THE TORCH, IN A MIGHTY LEAP, BURNED THROUGH THE FALLING DEBRIS...
AND LANDED IN A DAZZLING BLAZE OUTSIDE, AS POLICE RUSHED FORWARD IN AN ATTEMPT TO SURROUND HIM!
WE GOT THE OTHER THREE MEN AS THEY CAME OUT OF THE WAREHOUSE!
TORCH WON'T GET AWAY THIS TIME!


CLOSING IN FAST, THE POLICE CHASED THE TORCH DIRECTLY INTO PREARRANGED HOSES WHICH EJECTED A HEAVILY CONCENTRATED CARBON DIOXIDE SPRAY!
LOOK AT HIM "SMOKE-UP"! THIS CHEMICAL SPRAY WORKS FAST!
HIS FLAME IS FIZZING OUT!
INSTANTLY, THE TORCH'S FLAME WAS SNUFFED OUT!
OKAY, GRAB HIM!
HE LOOKS PUZZLED!
...I'LL GET HIM!
... GOT HIM!
OUCH!
HE'S HOT!
NOW, AL! THE COPS ARE WATCHING THE TORCH!
GET THAT COP!
GOT HIM, SARDO... ALSO GOT HIS ROD!... HEY, HORTON, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!
TORCH! GOT TO GET TO THE TORCH!
THOSE MEN ON THE CORNER ...THEY'RE THE SAME ONES WHO TOOK ME INTO THE WAREHOUSE!
I'VE GOT TO HELP THE TORCH! ...THE DAMAGE HE CAUSED IS MY FAULT! I'M TO BLAME!... NOW I MUST HELP HIM! I-- OH-H-H!
SO LONG, "PARTNER!"
BANG!
THAT WAS A DUMB MOVE, AL! QUICK, GET INTO THIS CAR!
HEY YOU! DROP THAT GUN!
ANYTHING FOR A COP, --PAL!
BANG!
BANG!
P.D.
THEY SHOT THE CHIEF!
HOW CAN I STOP THEM? ... POLICE ARE ALL AROUND ME!... MY SKIN IS DRYING! C'MON, START BLAZING!
WITH HIS FLAME ON, THE TORCH CRASHED THROUGH THE POLICE CORDON AND PURSUED THE ESCAPING MEN...
NOW IT'S MY TURN!
SARDO! THE TORCH IS COMING RIGHT AT US!


IN A BLAZE OF SPEED, TORCH LANDED ON TOP OF THE CAR!
SARDO! IT'S THE TORCH! HE'S BURNING THROUGH THE TOP! IT'S GETTING HOT! I'M FRYING! D-DO SOMETHING, BOSS!
HOLD ON AND SHUT UP, AL! I'LL GET RID OF HIM!
SARDO SLAMMED THE GAS PEDAL TO THE FLOORBOARD AND TWISTED THE WHEEL-- THE SUDDEN SPEED AND SHARP TURN THREW THE TORCH OFF BALANCE!
THERE HE GOES! SO LONG, TORCH!
YEAH? HE'S COMING BACK! FASTER, SARDO, FASTER!
I CAN'T! WE'RE DOING OVER A HUNDRED NOW!
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OOPS! HE'S IN FRONT OF US! SARDO! HE'S LAUGHING AT US!
LOOK, HE'S MELTING THE MOTOR!
THE WHEEL'S OUT OF CONTROL! WE'RE GOING TO CRASH! JUMP, AL!
SARDO AND AL JUMP FROM THE SEMI-MOLTEN VEHICLE AS IT CRASHES INTO A BUILDING AT FULL SPEED!
YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN, AL!
YOU AIN'T KIDDIN', SARDO!
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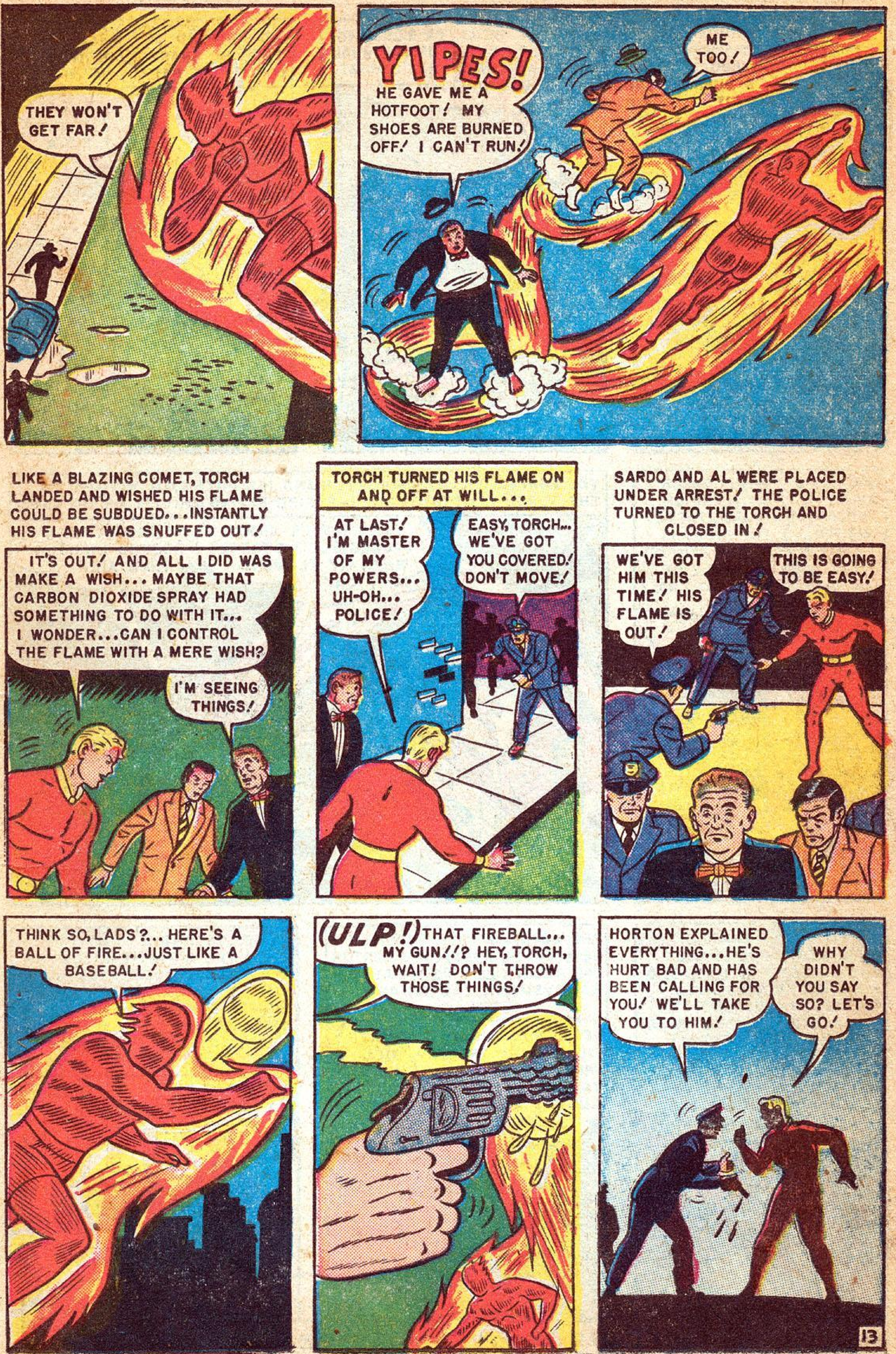
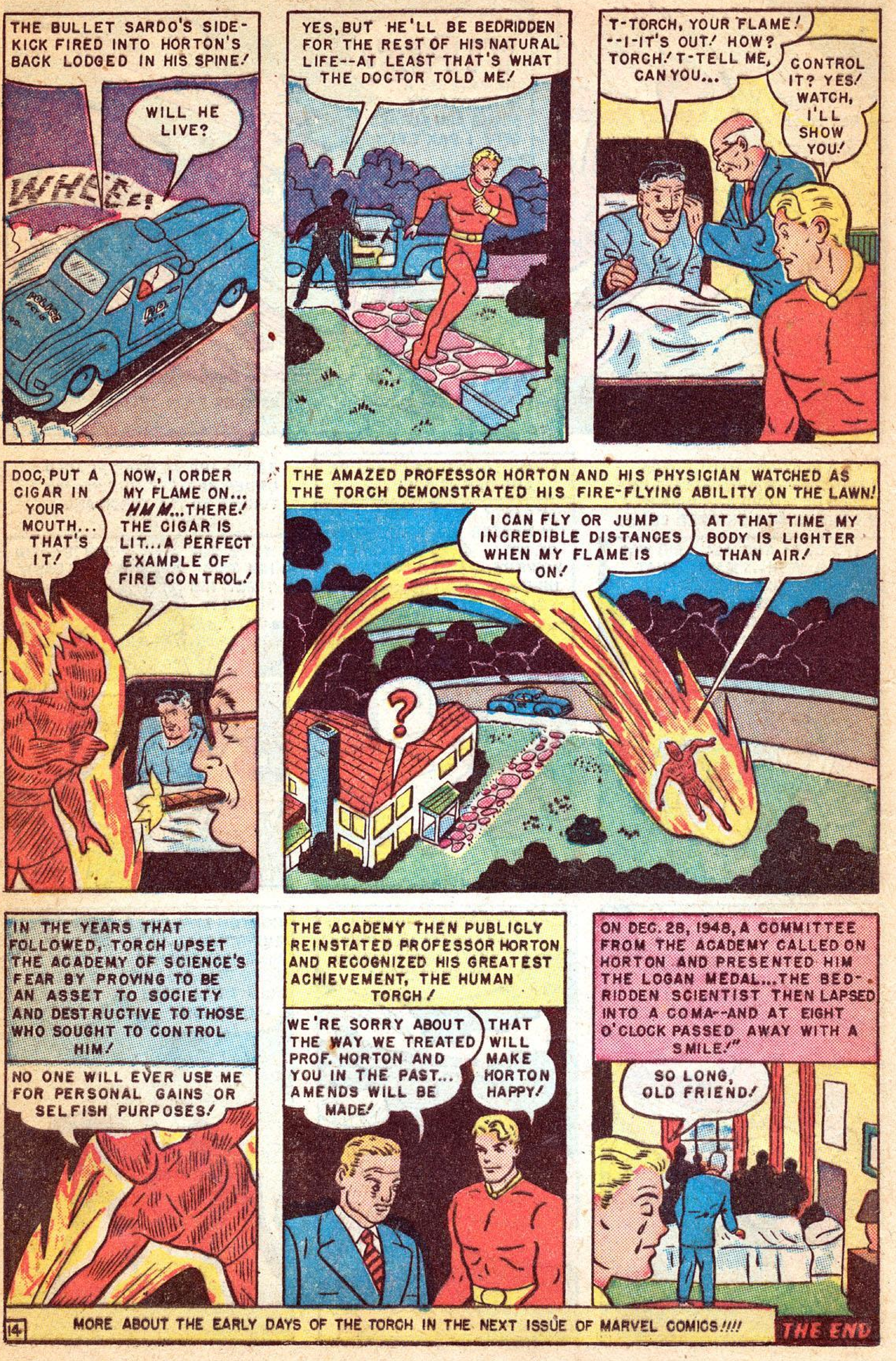

THEY WON'T GET FAR!
YIPES! HE GAVE ME A HOTFOOT! MY SHOES ARE BURNED OFF! I CAN'T RUN!
ME TOO!
LIKE A BLAZING COMET, TORCH LANDED AND WISHED HIS FLAME COULD BE SUBDUED...INSTANTLY HIS FLAME WAS SNUFFED OUT!
IT'S OUT! AND ALL I DID WAS MAKE A WISH... MAYBE THAT CARBON DIOXIDE SPRAY HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT... I WONDER...CAN I CONTROL THE FLAME WITH A MERE WISH?
I'M SEEING THINGS!
TORCH TURNED HIS FLAME ON AND OFF AT WILL...
AT LAST! I'M MASTER OF MY POWERS... UH-OH... POLICE!
EASY, TORCH... WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED! DON'T MOVE!
SARDO AND AL WERE PLACED UNDER ARREST! THE POLICE TURNED TO THE TORCH AND CLOSED IN!
WE'VE GOT HIM THIS TIME! HIS FLAME IS OUT!
THIS IS GOING TO BE EASY!
THINK SO, LADS?... HERE'S A BALL OF FIRE...JUST LIKE A BASEBALL!
(ULP!) THAT FIREBALL... MY GUN!!? HEY, TORCH, WAIT! DON'T THROW THOSE THINGS!
HORTON EXPLAINED EVERYTHING...HE'S HURT BAD AND HAS BEEN CALLING FOR YOU! WE'LL TAKE YOU TO HIM!
WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO? LET'S GO!


THE BULLET SARDO'S SIDE-KICK FIRED INTO HORTON'S BACK LODGED IN HIS SPINE!
WILL HE LIVE?
WHEEE!
POLICE
YES, BUT HE'LL BE BEDRIDDEN FOR THE REST OF HIS NATURAL LIFE--AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT THE DOCTOR TOLD ME!
T-TORCH, YOUR FLAME! --I-IT'S OUT! HOW? TORCH! T-TELL ME, CAN YOU...
CONTROL IT? YES! WATCH, I'LL SHOW YOU!
DOC, PUT A CIGAR IN YOUR MOUTH... THAT'S IT!
NOW, I ORDER MY FLAME ON... HMM... THERE! THE CIGAR IS LIT... A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF FIRE CONTROL!
THE AMAZED PROFESSOR HORTON AND HIS PHYSICIAN WATCHED AS THE TORCH DEMONSTRATED HIS FIRE-FLYING ABILITY ON THE LAWN!
I CAN FLY OR JUMP INCREDIBLE DISTANCES WHEN MY FLAME IS ON!
AT THAT TIME MY BODY IS LIGHTER THAN AIR!
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IN THE YEARS THAT FOLLOWED, TORCH UPSET THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE'S FEAR BY PROVING TO BE AN ASSET TO SOCIETY AND DESTRUCTIVE TO THOSE WHO SOUGHT TO CONTROL HIM!
NO ONE WILL EVER USE ME FOR PERSONAL GAINS OR SELFISH PURPOSES!
THE ACADEMY THEN PUBLICLY REINSTATED PROFESSOR HORTON AND RECOGNIZED HIS GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT, THE HUMAN TORCH!
WE'RE SORRY ABOUT THE WAY WE TREATED PROF. HORTON AND YOU IN THE PAST... AMENDS WILL BE MADE!
THAT WILL MAKE HORTON HAPPY!
ON DEC. 28, 1948, A COMMITTEE FROM THE ACADEMY CALLED ON HORTON AND PRESENTED HIM THE LOGAN MEDAL... THE BED-RIDDEN SCIENTIST THEN LAPSED INTO A COMA--AND AT EIGHT O'CLOCK PASSED AWAY WITH A SMILE!"
SO LONG, OLD FRIEND!
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MORE ABOUT THE EARLY DAYS OF THE TORCH IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF MARVEL COMICS!!!!
THE END

"A Letter to Our Readers and Their Parents!"

IT IS OUR EARNEST HOPE THAT YOU ENJOY reading our magazines. You know, there are many different kinds of stories, and we get a different kind of satisfaction from each one. We like the stories of Robin Hood and the Iliad of Homer, because we can imagine ourselves heroes, overcoming the enemy. We like stories of great men in history, because they make us ambitious to do good, kind deeds. We like stories of mischievous boys like Tom Sawyer, because Tom does many of the things we would enjoy doing, but some of them we cannot do.

Some of you probably choose books with a lot of pictures, because the pictures seem to make the story live. That, to some extent, explains your interest in comics.

In our magazines, we try to give you good pictures and interesting stories. We would like to feel, also, that we are helping you to take a stand in favor of right and justice, develop respect for law and order, and learn to protect weaker people, just like the heroes in our adventure stories.

The grown-ups of this world owe you young people an apology, because we haven't made the world a very secure and peaceful place in which to live. Our comics portray, it is true, some of the unhappy things that happen in the world. But they are things you know about anyway—and in the stories, at least, the good people always win. All of us wish it were that way in real life as well.

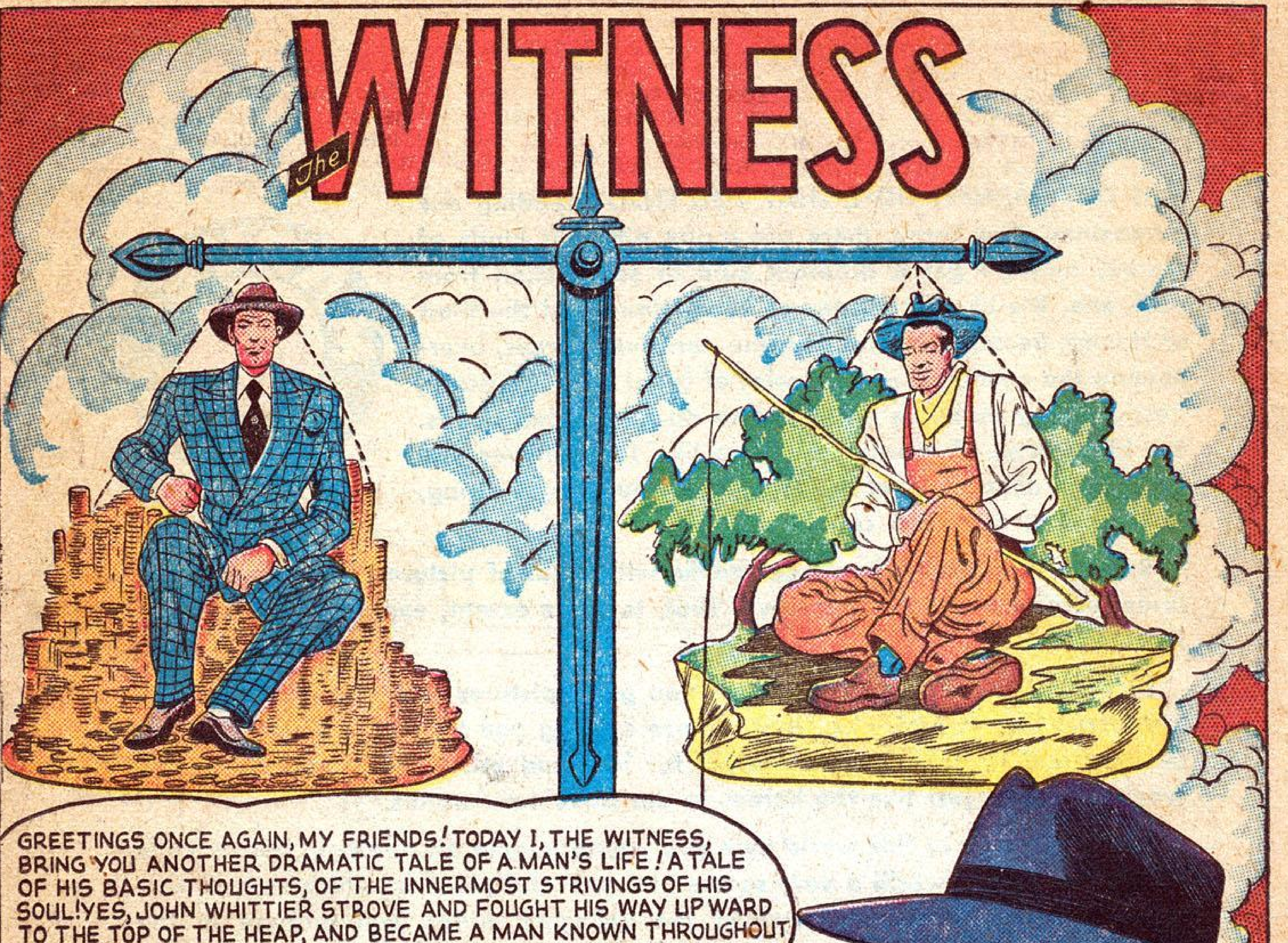
Just as there are good and bad people, good and bad radio programs, good and bad movies, so there is good and bad literature. In order to help you always choose the good, we will continue to do our best to maintain a high standard in our own magazines.

Please remember that comics, with their many pictures, are just one type of literature. We also want you to grow familiar with the great books in our vast literary heritage, and we have no doubt that, with guidance from your parents, teachers, and town librarians, you *will* become interested in those classics, and learn to love them.

Meanwhile, don't forget, though you can get the thrill of humor and adventure in comic magazines—they should, nonetheless, be considered in two ways: Not only for the pleasure they give you, but also as a stepping-stone to your appreciation of books that have stood the test of time as reading fare for all people, young and old.

Incidentally, one of our recent editorials used the word "endorsement" in connection with Dr. Thompson's services to us as Editorial Consultant. In the interest of further clarification of Dr. Thompson's functions, we wish to state that Marvel Comic Group submits all its published magazines to Dr. Thompson for review, criticism, and report to our staff, which is under constant instruction to accept Dr. Thompson's criticisms, and to abide by the same. In this way, we constantly strive to bring better comic magazines to our vast group of readers.

MARVEL COMIC GROUP
THE EDITORS


The WITNESS
GREETINGS ONCE AGAIN, MY FRIENDS! TODAY I, THE WITNESS, BRING YOU ANOTHER DRAMATIC TALE OF A MAN'S LIFE! A TALE OF HIS BASIC THOUGHTS, OF THE INNERMOST STRIVINGS OF HIS SOUL! YES, JOHN WHITTIER STROVE AND FOUGHT HIS WAY UPWARD TO THE TOP OF THE HEAP, AND BECAME A MAN KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE CIVILIZED WORLD! BUT THEN THERE CAME A DAY WHEN... AH, BUT READ THE STORY OF JOHN WHITTIER, HIS LIFE AND HIS IDEAL OF SUCCESS!
"THE CHOICE!"
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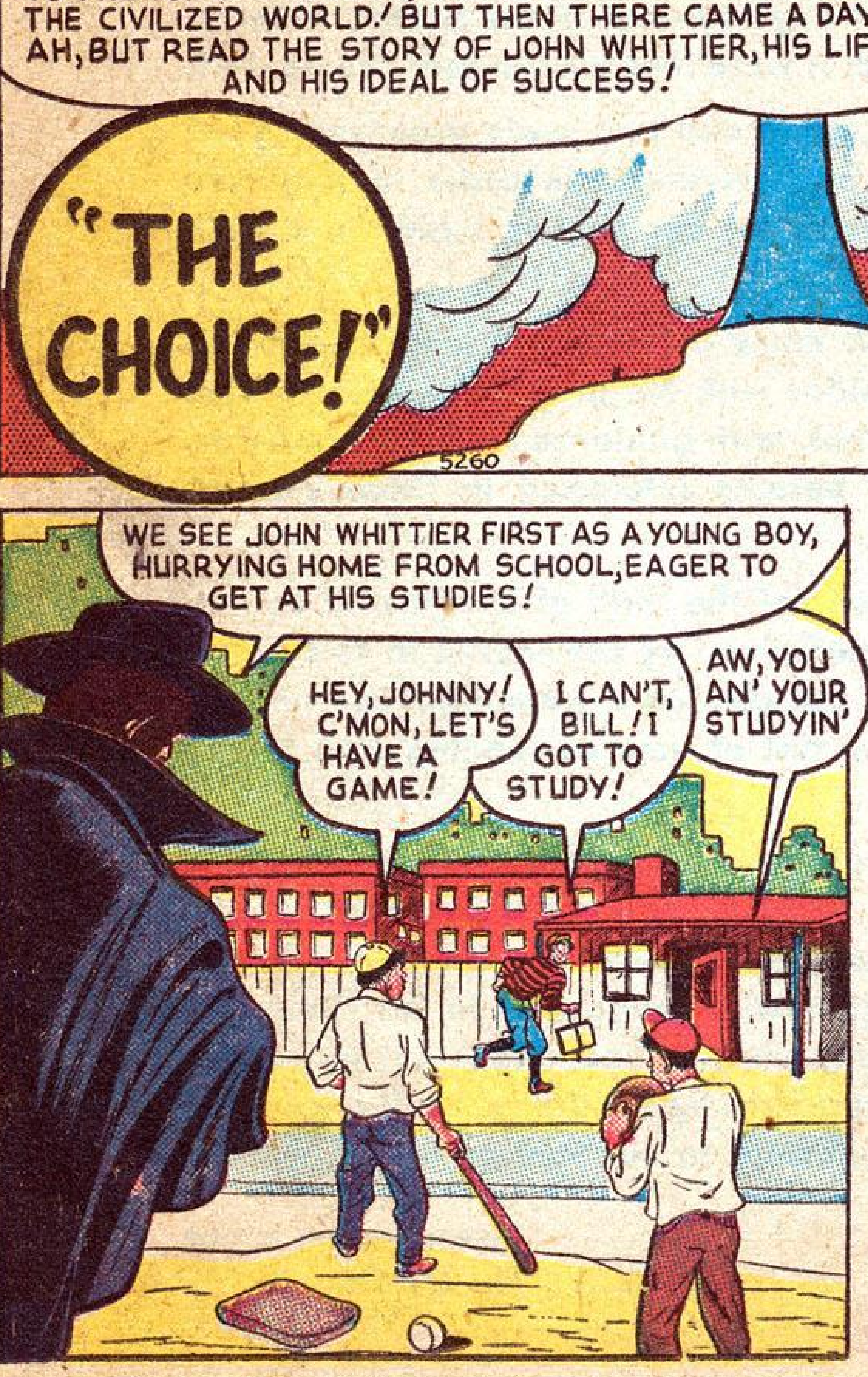
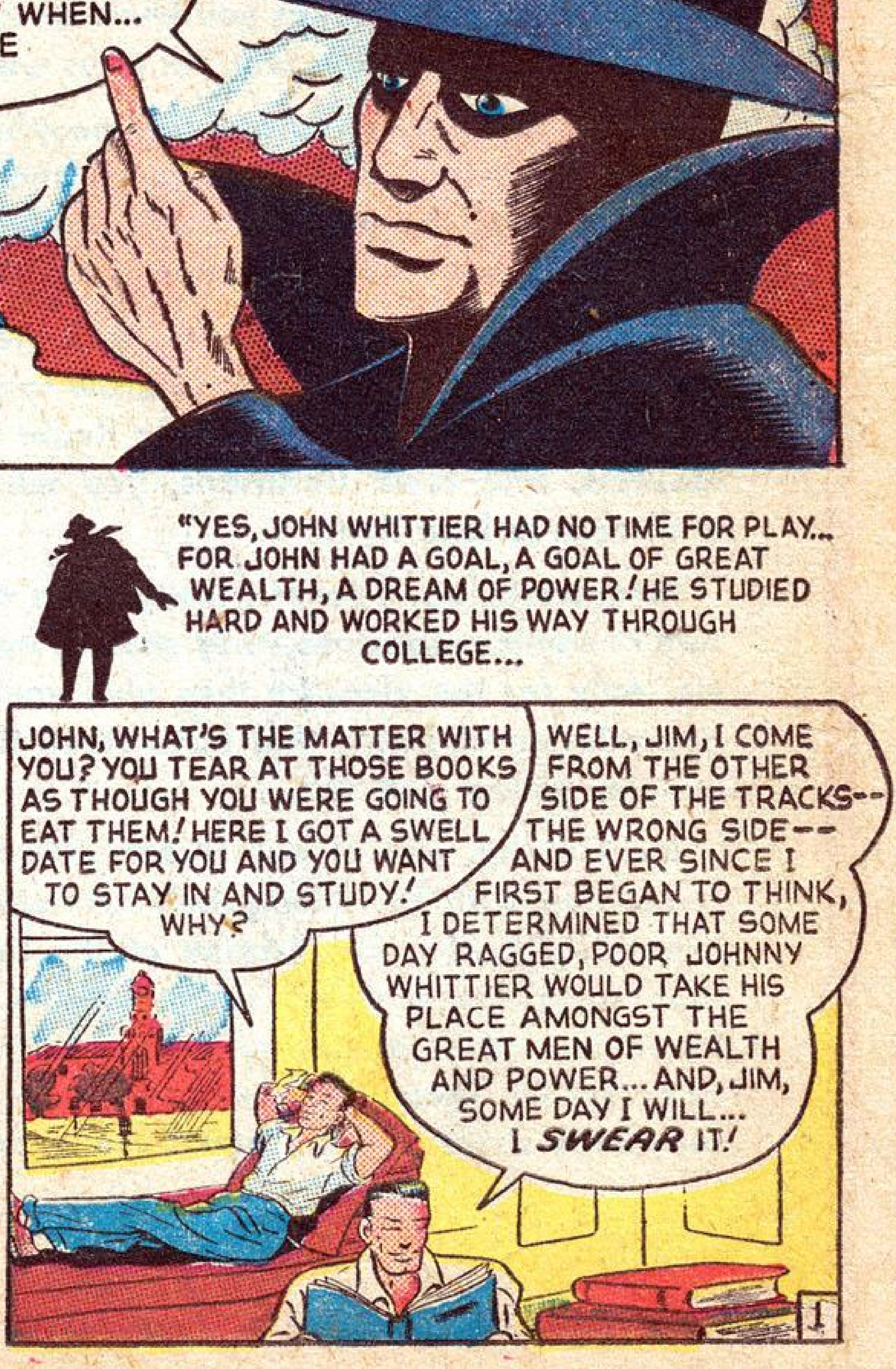

WE SEE JOHN WHITTIER FIRST AS A YOUNG BOY, HURRYING HOME FROM SCHOOL, EAGER TO GET AT HIS STUDIES!
HEY, JOHNNY! C'MON, LET'S HAVE A GAME!
I CAN'T, BILL! I GOT TO STUDY!
AW, YOU AN' YOUR STUDYIN'


"YES, JOHN WHITTIER HAD NO TIME FOR PLAY... FOR JOHN HAD A GOAL, A GOAL OF GREAT WEALTH, A DREAM OF POWER! HE STUDIED HARD AND WORKED HIS WAY THROUGH COLLEGE...
JOHN, WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU? YOU TEAR AT THOSE BOOKS AS THOUGH YOU WERE GOING TO EAT THEM! HERE I GOT A SWELL DATE FOR YOU AND YOU WANT TO STAY IN AND STUDY! WHY?
WELL, JIM, I COME FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE TRACKS-- THE WRONG SIDE-- AND EVER SINCE I FIRST BEGAN TO THINK, I DETERMINED THAT SOME DAY RAGGED, POOR JOHNNY WHITTIER WOULD TAKE HIS PLACE AMONGST THE GREAT MEN OF WEALTH AND POWER... AND, JIM, SOME DAY I WILL... I SWEAR IT!
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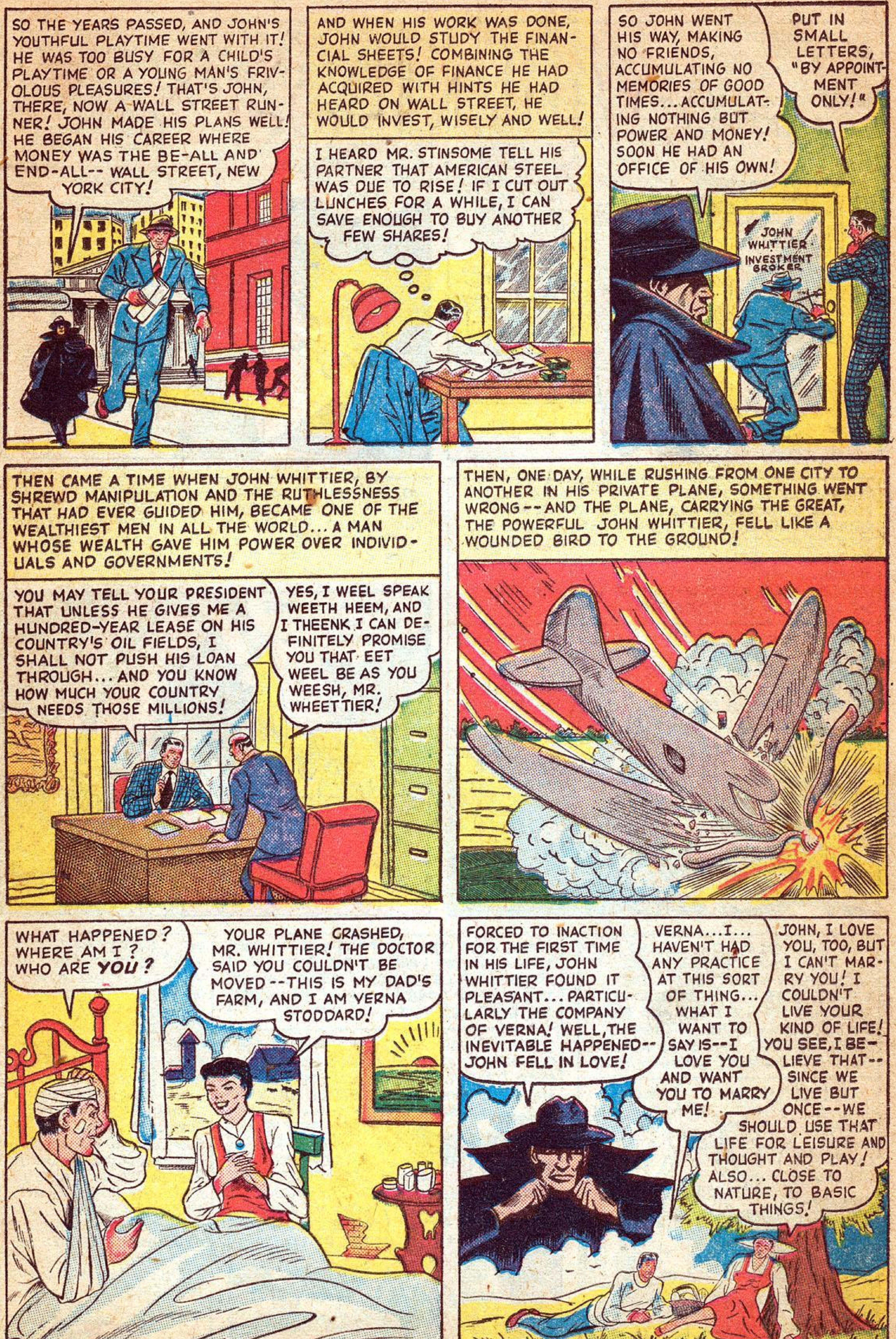
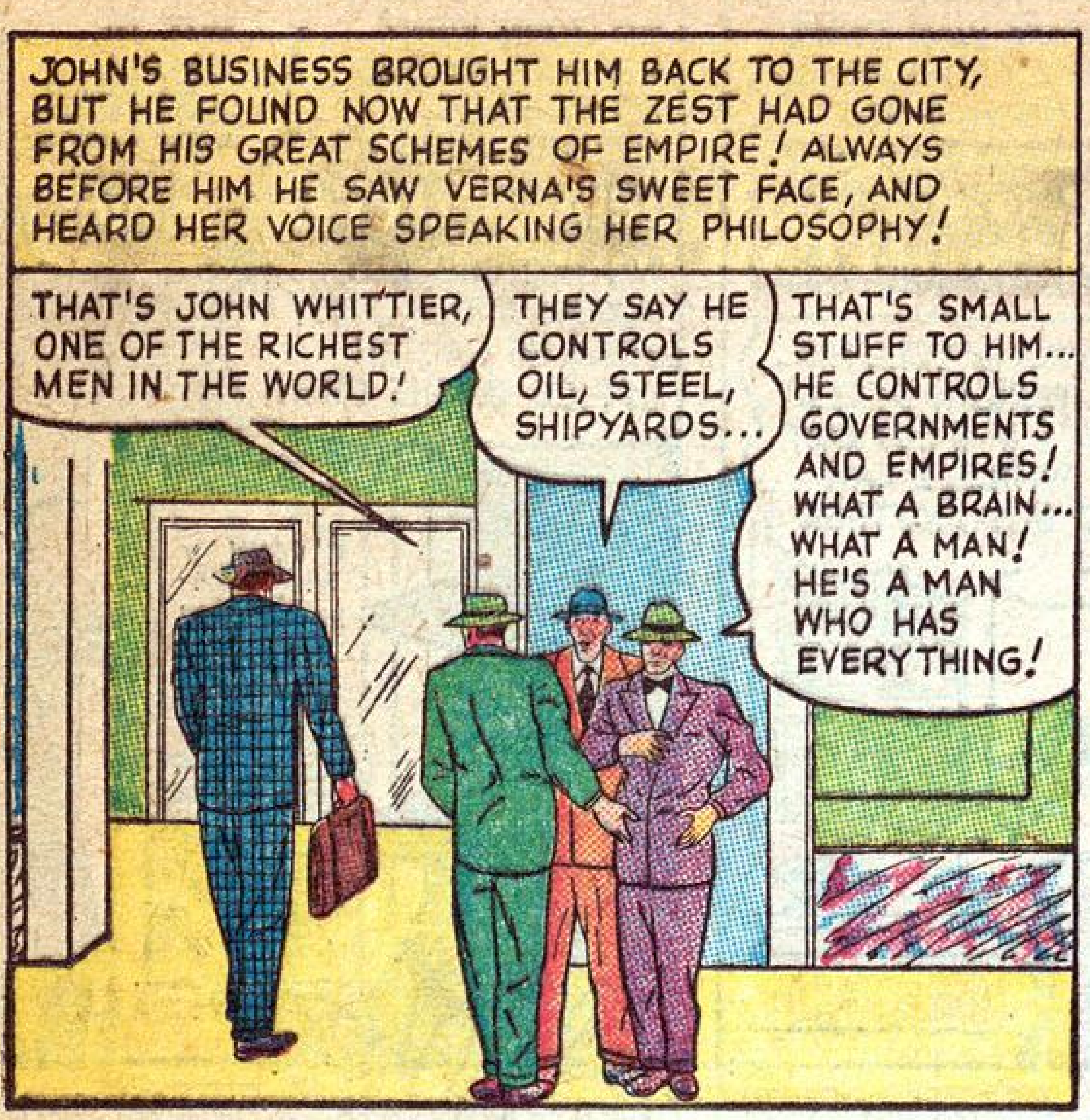
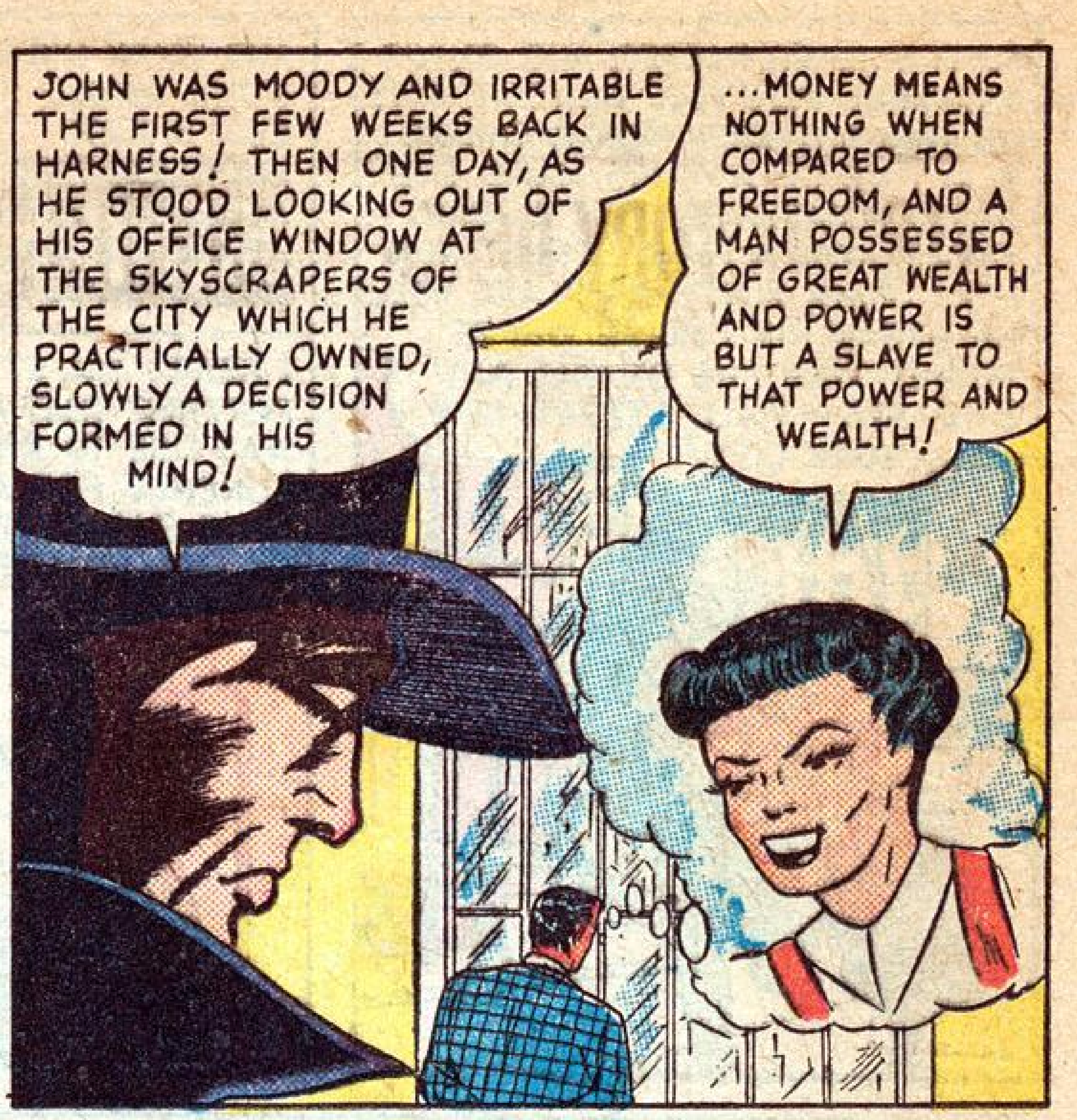
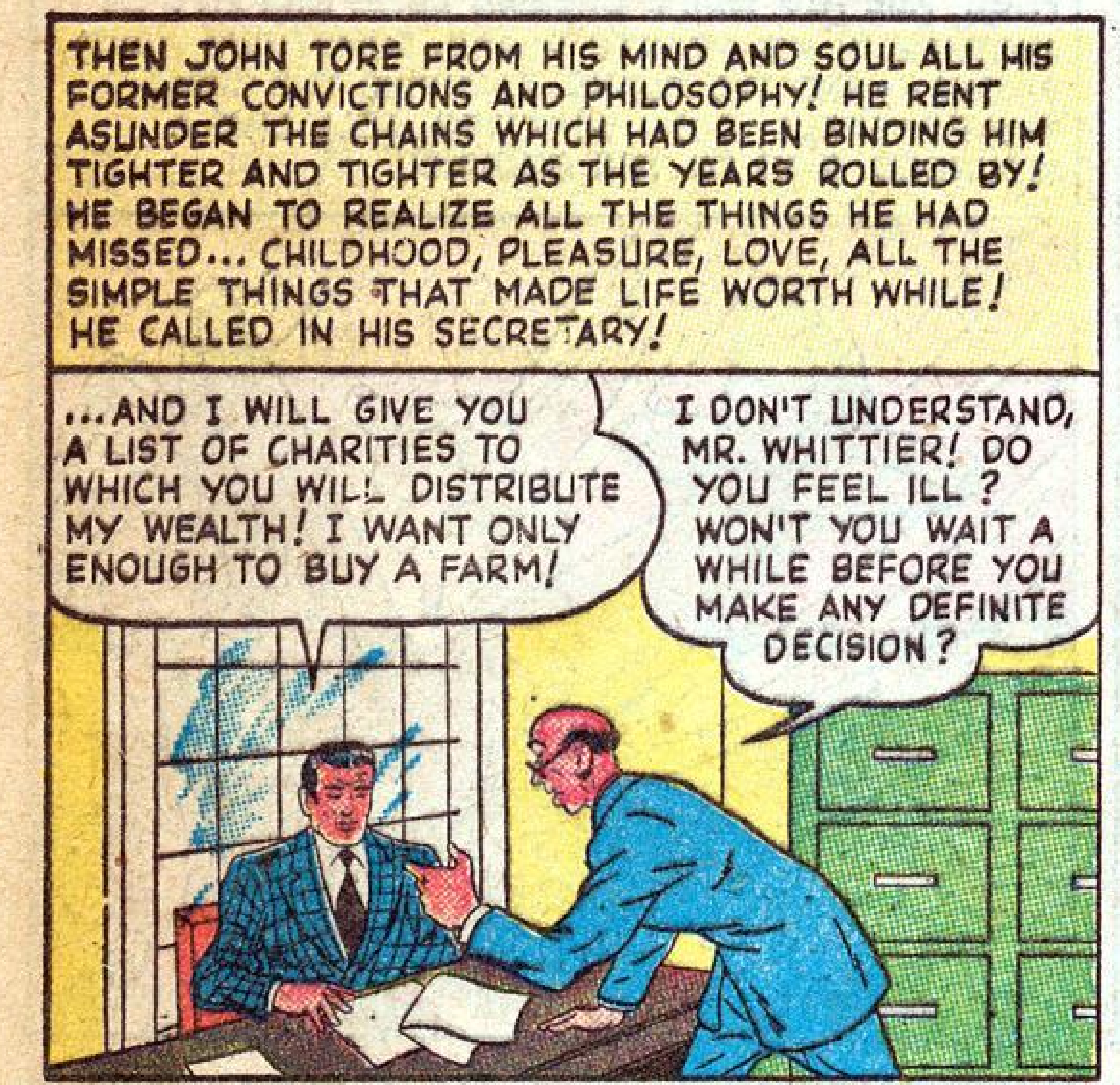
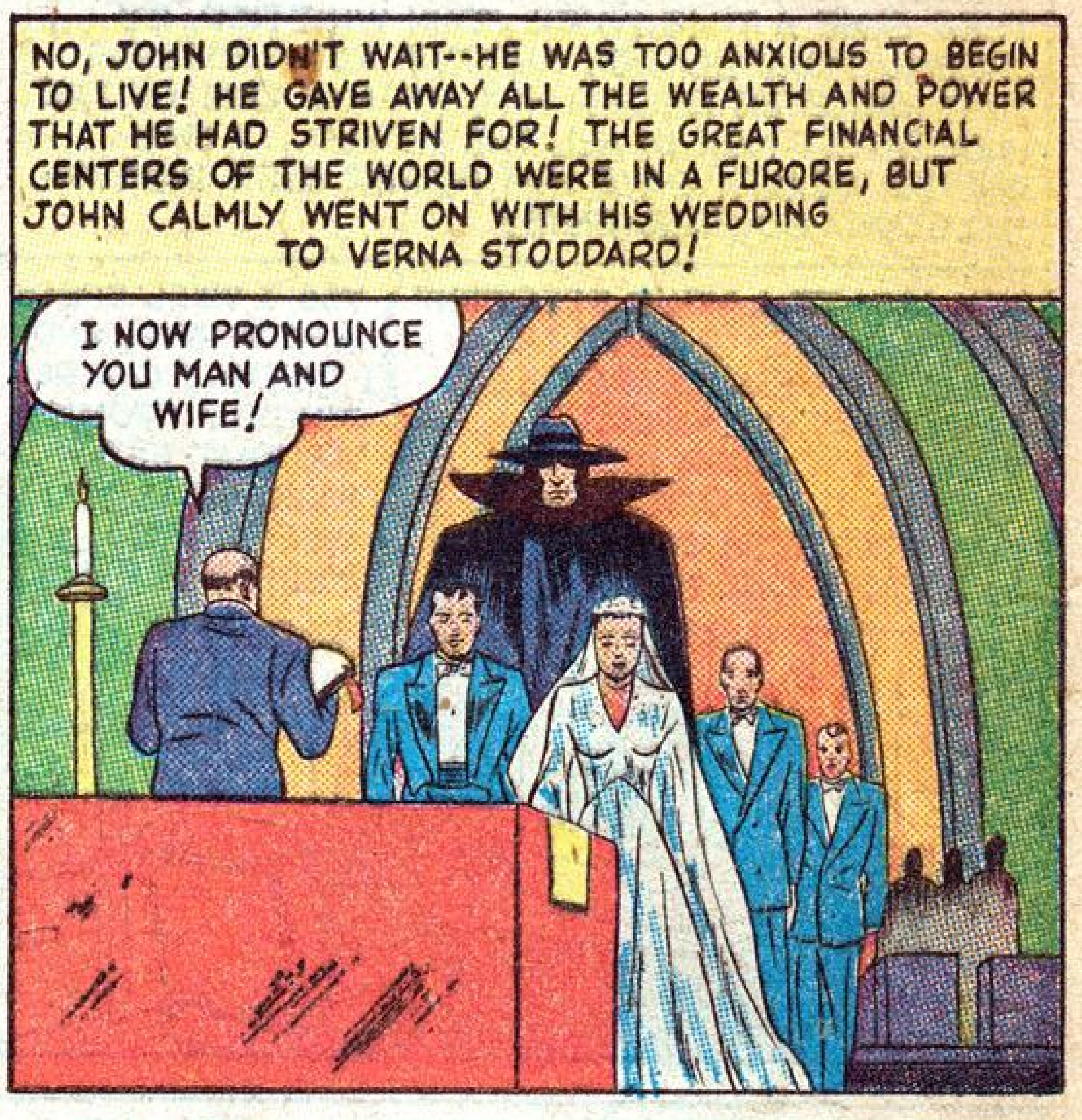
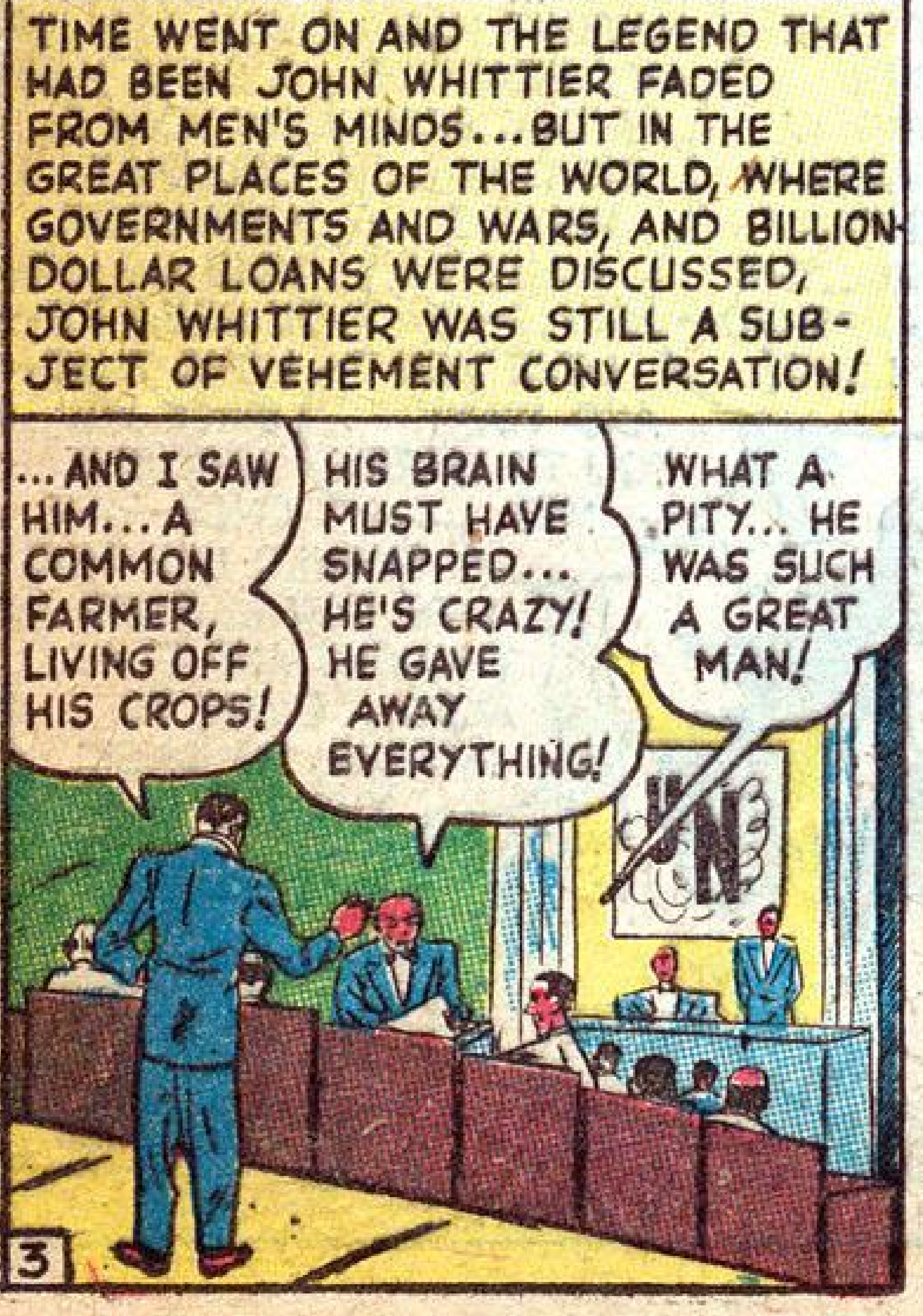

SO THE YEARS PASSED, AND JOHN'S YOUTHFUL PLAYTIME WENT WITH IT! HE WAS TOO BUSY FOR A CHILD'S PLAYTIME OR A YOUNG MAN'S FRIVOLOUS PLEASURES! THAT'S JOHN, THERE, NOW A WALL STREET RUNNER! JOHN MADE HIS PLANS WELL! HE BEGAN HIS CAREER WHERE MONEY WAS THE BE-ALL AND END-ALL-- WALL STREET, NEW YORK CITY!
AND WHEN HIS WORK WAS DONE, JOHN WOULD STUDY THE FINANCIAL SHEETS! COMBINING THE KNOWLEDGE OF FINANCE HE HAD ACQUIRED WITH HINTS HE HAD HEARD ON WALL STREET, HE WOULD INVEST, WISELY AND WELL!
I HEARD MR. STINSOME TELL HIS PARTNER THAT AMERICAN STEEL WAS DUE TO RISE! IF I CUT OUT LUNCHES FOR A WHILE, I CAN SAVE ENOUGH TO BUY ANOTHER FEW SHARES!
SO JOHN WENT HIS WAY, MAKING NO FRIENDS, ACCUMULATING NO MEMORIES OF GOOD TIMES... ACCUMULATING NOTHING BUT POWER AND MONEY! SOON HE HAD AN OFFICE OF HIS OWN!
PUT IN SMALL LETTERS, "BY APPOINTMENT ONLY!"
JOHN WHITTIER INVESTMENT BROKER
THEN CAME A TIME WHEN JOHN WHITTIER, BY SHREWD MANIPULATION AND THE RUTHLESSNESS THAT HAD EVER GUIDED HIM, BECAME ONE OF THE WEALTHIEST MEN IN ALL THE WORLD... A MAN WHOSE WEALTH GAVE HIM POWER OVER INDIVIDUALS AND GOVERNMENTS!
YOU MAY TELL YOUR PRESIDENT THAT UNLESS HE GIVES ME A HUNDRED-YEAR LEASE ON HIS COUNTRY'S OIL FIELDS, I SHALL NOT PUSH HIS LOAN THROUGH... AND YOU KNOW HOW MUCH YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS THOSE MILLIONS!
YES, I WEEL SPEAK WEETH HEEM, AND I THEENK I CAN DEFINITELY PROMISE YOU THAT EET WEEL BE AS YOU WEESH, MR. WHEETTIER!
THEN, ONE DAY, WHILE RUSHING FROM ONE CITY TO ANOTHER IN HIS PRIVATE PLANE, SOMETHING WENT WRONG--AND THE PLANE, CARRYING THE GREAT, THE POWERFUL JOHN WHITTIER, FELL LIKE A WOUNDED BIRD TO THE GROUND!
WHAT HAPPENED? WHERE AM I? WHO ARE *YOU*?
YOUR PLANE CRASHED, MR. WHITTIER! THE DOCTOR SAID YOU COULDN'T BE MOVED--THIS IS MY DAD'S FARM, AND I AM VERNA STODDARD!
FORCED TO INACTION FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HIS LIFE, JOHN WHITTIER FOUND IT PLEASANT... PARTICULARLY THE COMPANY OF VERNA! WELL, THE INEVITABLE HAPPENED-- JOHN FELL IN LOVE!
VERNA...I... HAVEN'T HAD ANY PRACTICE AT THIS SORT OF THING... WHAT I WANT TO SAY IS--I LOVE YOU AND WANT YOU TO MARRY ME!
JOHN, I LOVE YOU, TOO, BUT I CAN'T MARRY YOU! I COULDN'T LIVE YOUR KIND OF LIFE! YOU SEE, I BELIEVE THAT--SINCE WE LIVE BUT ONCE--WE SHOULD USE THAT LIFE FOR LEISURE AND THOUGHT AND PLAY! ALSO... CLOSE TO NATURE, TO BASIC THINGS!


JOHN'S BUSINESS BROUGHT HIM BACK TO THE CITY, BUT HE FOUND NOW THAT THE ZEST HAD GONE FROM HIS GREAT SCHEMES OF EMPIRE! ALWAYS BEFORE HIM HE SAW VERNA'S SWEET FACE, AND HEARD HER VOICE SPEAKING HER PHILOSOPHY!
THAT'S JOHN WHITTIER, ONE OF THE RICHEST MEN IN THE WORLD!
THEY SAY HE CONTROLS OIL, STEEL, SHIPYARDS...
THAT'S SMALL STUFF TO HIM... HE CONTROLS GOVERNMENTS AND EMPIRES! WHAT A BRAIN... WHAT A MAN! HE'S A MAN WHO HAS EVERYTHING!


JOHN WAS MOODY AND IRRITABLE THE FIRST FEW WEEKS BACK IN HARNESS! THEN ONE DAY, AS HE STOOD LOOKING OUT OF HIS OFFICE WINDOW AT THE SKYSCRAPERS OF THE CITY WHICH HE PRACTICALLY OWNED, SLOWLY A DECISION FORMED IN HIS MIND!
...MONEY MEANS NOTHING WHEN COMPARED TO FREEDOM, AND A MAN POSSESSED OF GREAT WEALTH AND POWER IS BUT A SLAVE TO THAT POWER AND WEALTH!


THEN JOHN TORE FROM HIS MIND AND SOUL ALL HIS FORMER CONVICTIONS AND PHILOSOPHY! HE RENT ASUNDER THE CHAINS WHICH HAD BEEN BINDING HIM TIGHTER AND TIGHTER AS THE YEARS ROLLED BY! HE BEGAN TO REALIZE ALL THE THINGS HE HAD MISSED... CHILDHOOD, PLEASURE, LOVE, ALL THE SIMPLE THINGS THAT MADE LIFE WORTH WHILE! HE CALLED IN HIS SECRETARY!
...AND I WILL GIVE YOU A LIST OF CHARITIES TO WHICH YOU WILL DISTRIBUTE MY WEALTH! I WANT ONLY ENOUGH TO BUY A FARM!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND, MR. WHITTIER! DO YOU FEEL ILL? WON'T YOU WAIT A WHILE BEFORE YOU MAKE ANY DEFINITE DECISION?


NO, JOHN DIDN'T WAIT--HE WAS TOO ANXIOUS TO BEGIN TO LIVE! HE GAVE AWAY ALL THE WEALTH AND POWER THAT HE HAD STRIVEN FOR! THE GREAT FINANCIAL CENTERS OF THE WORLD WERE IN A FURORE, BUT JOHN CALMLY WENT ON WITH HIS WEDDING TO VERNA STODDARD!
I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU MAN AND WIFE!


TIME WENT ON AND THE LEGEND THAT HAD BEEN JOHN WHITTIER FADED FROM MEN'S MINDS... BUT IN THE GREAT PLACES OF THE WORLD, WHERE GOVERNMENTS AND WARS, AND BILLION-DOLLAR LOANS WERE DISCUSSED, JOHN WHITTIER WAS STILL A SUBJECT OF VEHEMENT CONVERSATION!
...AND I SAW HIM... A COMMON FARMER, LIVING OFF HIS CROPS!
HIS BRAIN MUST HAVE SNAPPED... HE'S CRAZY! HE GAVE AWAY EVERYTHING!
WHAT A PITY... HE WAS SUCH A GREAT MAN!
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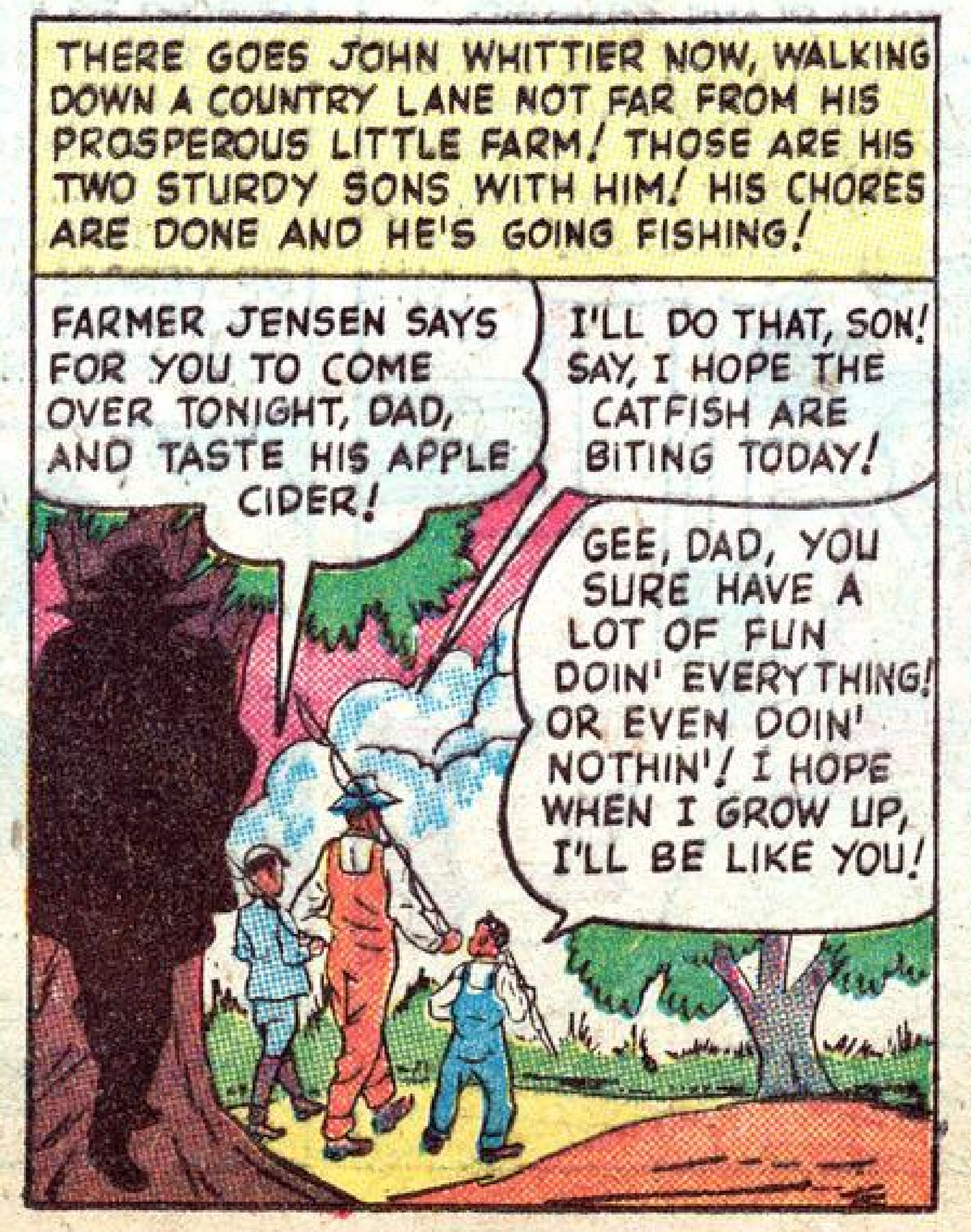
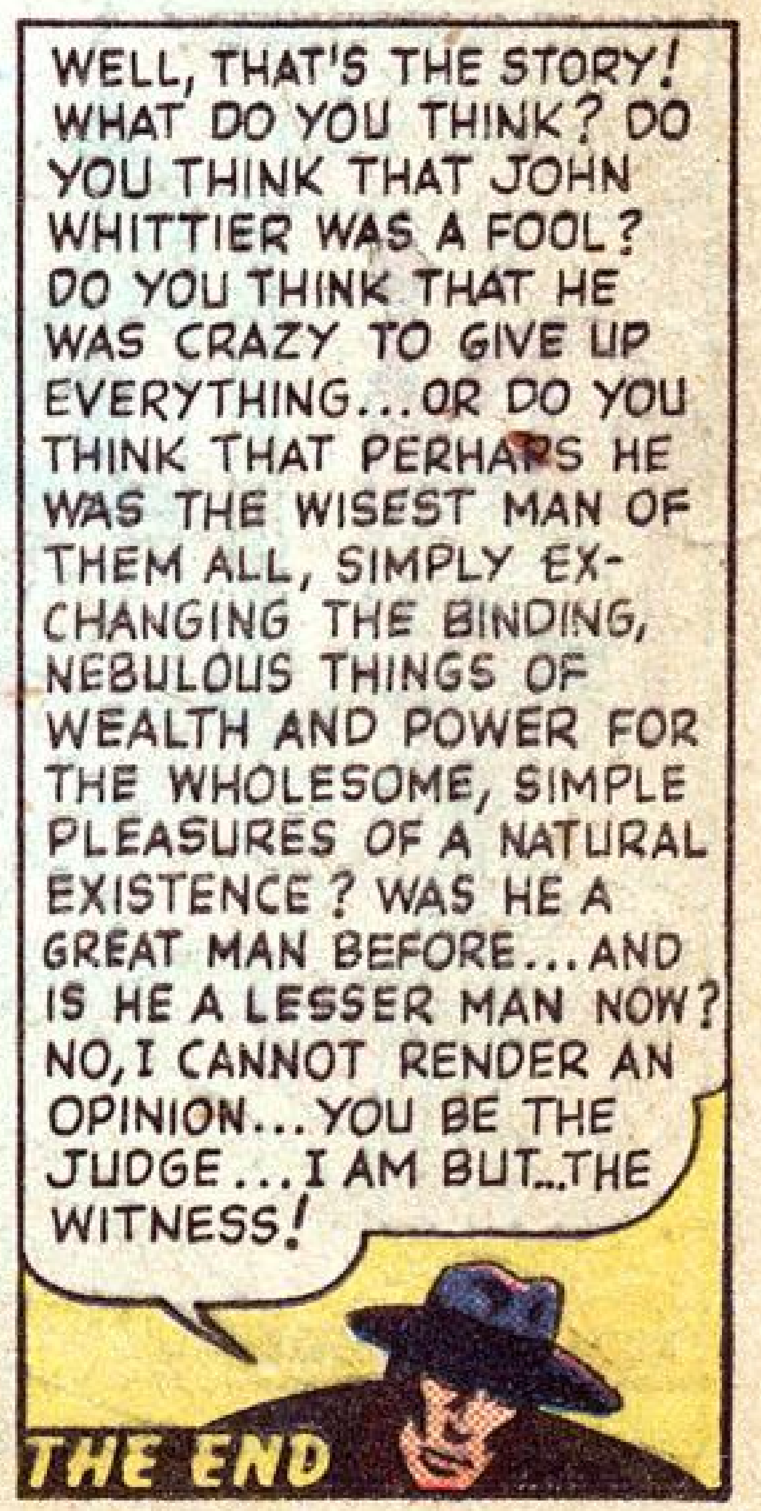

THERE GOES JOHN WHITTIER NOW, WALKING DOWN A COUNTRY LANE NOT FAR FROM HIS PROSPEROUS LITTLE FARM! THOSE ARE HIS TWO STURDY SONS WITH HIM! HIS CHORES ARE DONE AND HE'S GOING FISHING!
FARMER JENSEN SAYS FOR YOU TO COME OVER TONIGHT, DAD, AND TASTE HIS APPLE CIDER!
I'LL DO THAT, SON! SAY, I HOPE THE CATFISH ARE BITING TODAY!
GEE, DAD, YOU SURE HAVE A LOT OF FUN DOIN' EVERYTHING! OR EVEN DOIN' NOTHIN'! I HOPE WHEN I GROW UP, I'LL BE LIKE YOU!


WELL, THAT'S THE STORY! WHAT DO YOU THINK? DO YOU THINK THAT JOHN WHITTIER WAS A FOOL? DO YOU THINK THAT HE WAS CRAZY TO GIVE UP EVERYTHING... OR DO YOU THINK THAT PERHAPS HE WAS THE WISEST MAN OF THEM ALL, SIMPLY EXCHANGING THE BINDING, NEBULOUS THINGS OF WEALTH AND POWER FOR THE WHOLESOME, SIMPLE PLEASURES OF A NATURAL EXISTENCE? WAS HE A GREAT MAN BEFORE... AND IS HE A LESSER MAN NOW? NO, I CANNOT RENDER AN OPINION... YOU BE THE JUDGE... I AM BUT...THE WITNESS!
THE END

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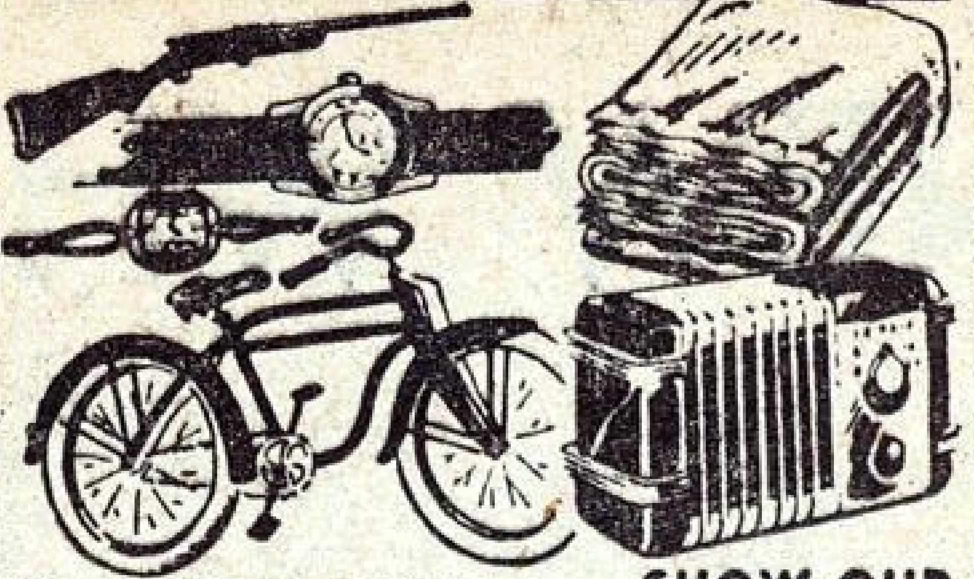

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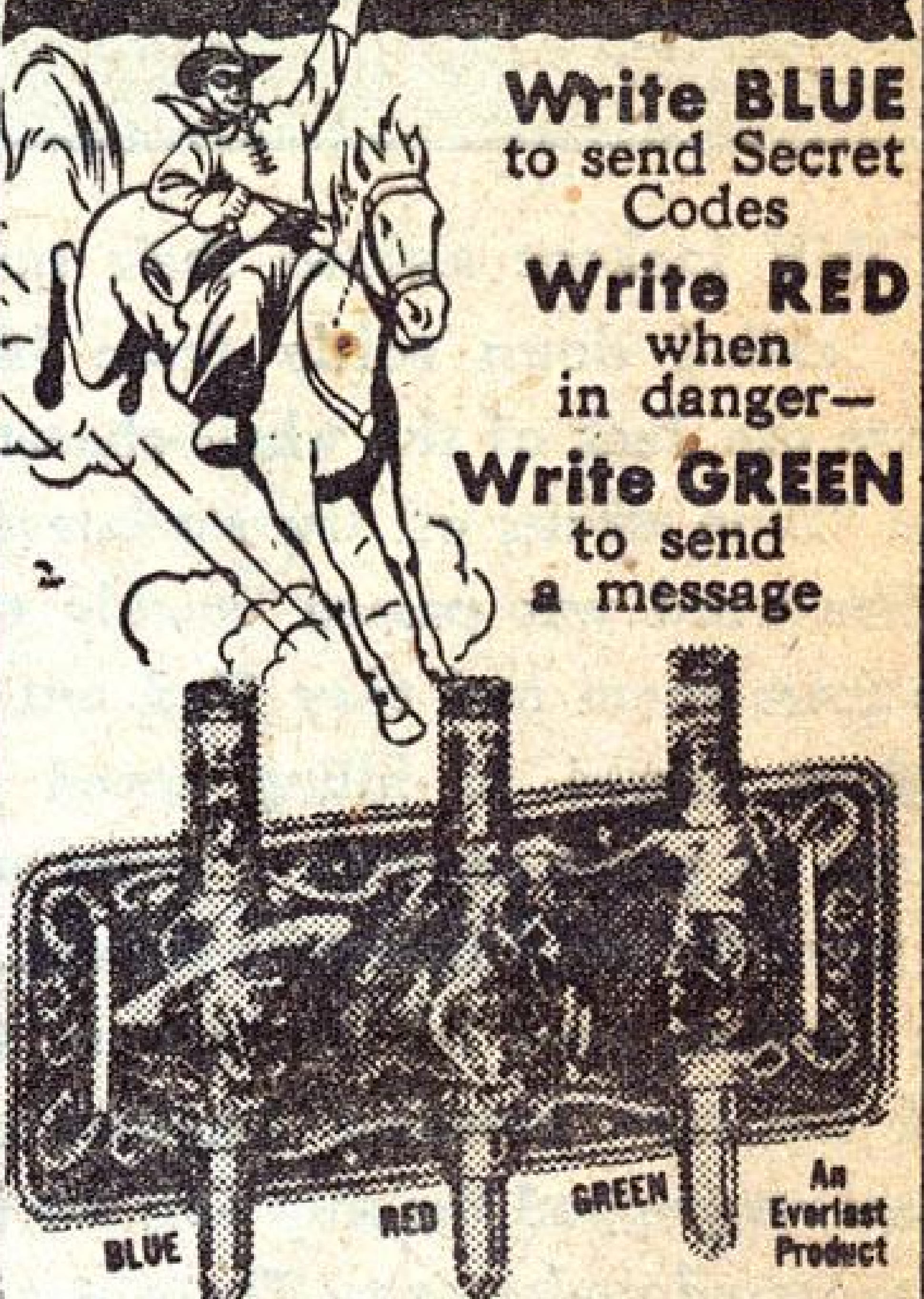

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The word was passed quickly to the crew in the mess room and they filed out on deck. The engines slowed to idling speed and the bow swung to point towards a misty spout shooting up from the sea a half-mile distant. Olaf Hanson, the gunner, took his position at the whale gun and the crew bunched together at the rail. A tenseness gripped the ship and the men conversed in muttered undertones. There was a good reason for this: the blue whale has acute hearing and is so easily frightened that even a loud voice will send it plunging to the ocean floor. So the Cape Southern stalked it like a jungle animal.

They came closer until the huge black hump could be plainly seen. With one accord the crew swung their eyes to Olaf, sighting the harpoon gun.

"Fire!" hissed Sam Guinness. "You fool! Why don't you fire?"

Olaf was frantically pounding the breech of the gun. Something metallic snapped like a rifle shot and the whale sounded. There was a flash of the huge tail and nothing was left, but the eddy of blue-green water closing in.

Olaf came striding back along the deck. He was holding a small piece of metal in his hand. "Firing pin jammed," he told the crew sharply. "I broke the lever trying to free it."

The crew grumbled. Losing the whale was a loss of money to all of them since they received a share of the profits instead of wages, so they returned to the messroom, sullen and angry. It hadn't been their first disappointment of the season.

Whitey Suggs perked a thumb at the youngest member of the whaler, sixteen-year-old Ben Laurie, and spat out, "What do you expect when we bring our own special jinx along? We should have thrown him over the side first day out."

Ben Laurie flushed. Whitey was referring to their departure from Montevideo when Ben fouled a dock line, delaying the sailing. It was a bad start for an apprentice whaler, since old-timers considered it a bad omen when a season's whaling started with an accident, however small. Sure enough, ill fortune had dogged every turn of the Cape Southern's crew since entering whaling waters. First there had been engine trouble that had kept them floating helplessly for two days while a rival whaler, Western Star, had steamed triumphantly past with jeering catcalls from her crew. Then they had lost the only kills they had made.

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Led by Whitey Suggs there were more jibes from the crew and Ben Laurie got up, his face burning, and left the messroom. Out on deck, Olaf Hanson was working on the whale gun and Ben joined him. Olaf glanced up. "Hello, kid."

Ben mumbled a greeting. "Olaf, do you think

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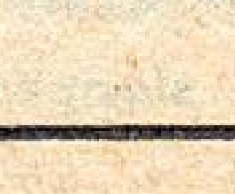

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a ship could really be jinxed?" he asked abruptly.

Olaf shrugged. "I don't know, kid. I've been going to sea for a long time. I've seen lots of funny things." He removed a piece of mechanism from the gun and held it up. "But I've never seen a jinx mash up a firing pin the way this one is."

"You don't think somebody's tampered with it, do you?" Ben's eyes were wide with anxiety. "Gee, nobody'd do that, would they?"

"None of the old crew would," Olaf replied, pointedly.

"Oh." Ben turned away, the meaning of Olaf's remark ringing clear in his brain. He was the only new member of the crew! He found a place near the foremast and sat down, staring moodily out over the sea. He wished he had never joined the Cape Southern!

By evening the gun was repaired. Olaf Hanson went below, turning, as he stepped down the ladder, to throw a strange look at Ben Laurie. The lookout came down and disappeared into the deckhouse. The Cape Southern hove to and prepared to ride out the short Antarctic night.

Ben didn't go in to chow. The thought of facing the crew, seeing the harsh antagonism in their eyes, hearing the derision in their voices, kept him on deck until the ship was in pitch blackness except for the running lights, and all movement had ceased except the gentle roll of the hull in the swell.

So deeply occupied was he with his unhappy thoughts, Ben didn't hear the whisper of stockinged feet on the deck until they had passed him. He jolted suddenly upright. The whisper had stopped near the whale gun. Presently it was replaced with a low, intermittent hum. Ben cocked his head over, listening, holding himself tight and still. There was a familiar something about the hum. It chopped down now to a dit-da-da, dit, dit-dit-dit . . .

He crept forward. The whale gun loomed over him, a vague, shapeless mass against a heavier blackness. Abruptly the sound broke off. Ben straightened up cautiously, straining his eyes. Without warning a heavy body crashed into him. Hands seized his throat, strangling a startled cry. He twisted his body desperately, tore the hands away. One came back, slapped over his mouth viciously, and an arm like a steel band clamped around his body. Ben struggled, all of his strength pouring out in a fierce resistance, but he was hopelessly outmatched by the man who held him. Slowly, he felt himself being dragged to the ship's railing.

A wave of frantic fear swept over him and Ben lashed out furiously, reaching for anything to hold back the deadly progress of his assailant. One hand found and clung to a metal bar, the firing lever of the whale gun. He brought it down with a violent wrench. A turbulent roar crashed the night. Flame spat from the muzzle in the wake of the harpoon that hissed out over the water and disappeared. Ben felt himself suddenly released. There was a splash as if something had fallen or been thrown overboard. In that instant, Ben was sure he knew what it was. Voices shouted, then a quick pounding of many feet jarred the deck and the vessel's lights came on. Ben faced his attacker: Whitey Suggs.

Olaf Hanson reached them first, flashlight in hand. Whitey shot out an accusing finger. "This kid!" he gasped. "I caught him fooling with the gun!"

"He's lying!" shouted Ben. He grabbed the flashlight from Olaf and shot its beam down to the water. A moment later he had thrust a long gaff over the side and retrieved a square wooden object, box-like in appearance.

"Here's your jinx," he said. "This portable short-wave sender. Whitey has been giving out the position of any whales we see or catch to the Western Star. I know radio code and I heard enough tonight to prove that. I bet he jammed the gun too!"

"He's covering up for himself!" yelled Whitey.

"We can check," retorted Ben. "We can radio a position to the Western Star, signed 'Whitey', and see if it doesn't show up there!"

Whitey blanched, a look of guilt swept over his face.

"That's good enough for me," growled Olaf, watching him closely. He grabbed the cringing Whitey by the shirt-front. "You bilge-rat! You'll never whale again, I'll see to that!"

Then the crew crowded around Ben Laurie. They pounded him on the back and said things in rough camaradie that made his face burn again, but this time with pleasure!

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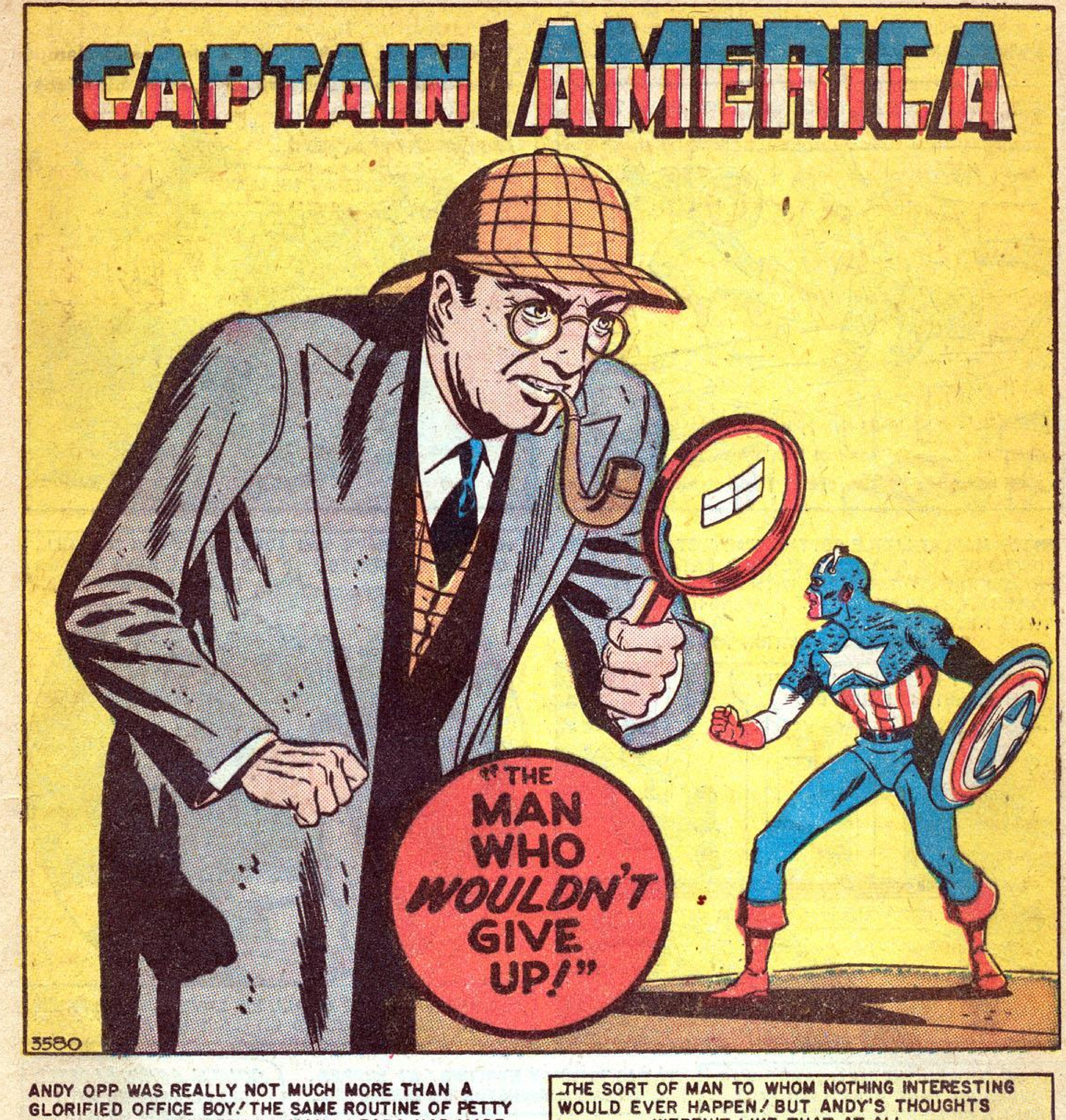
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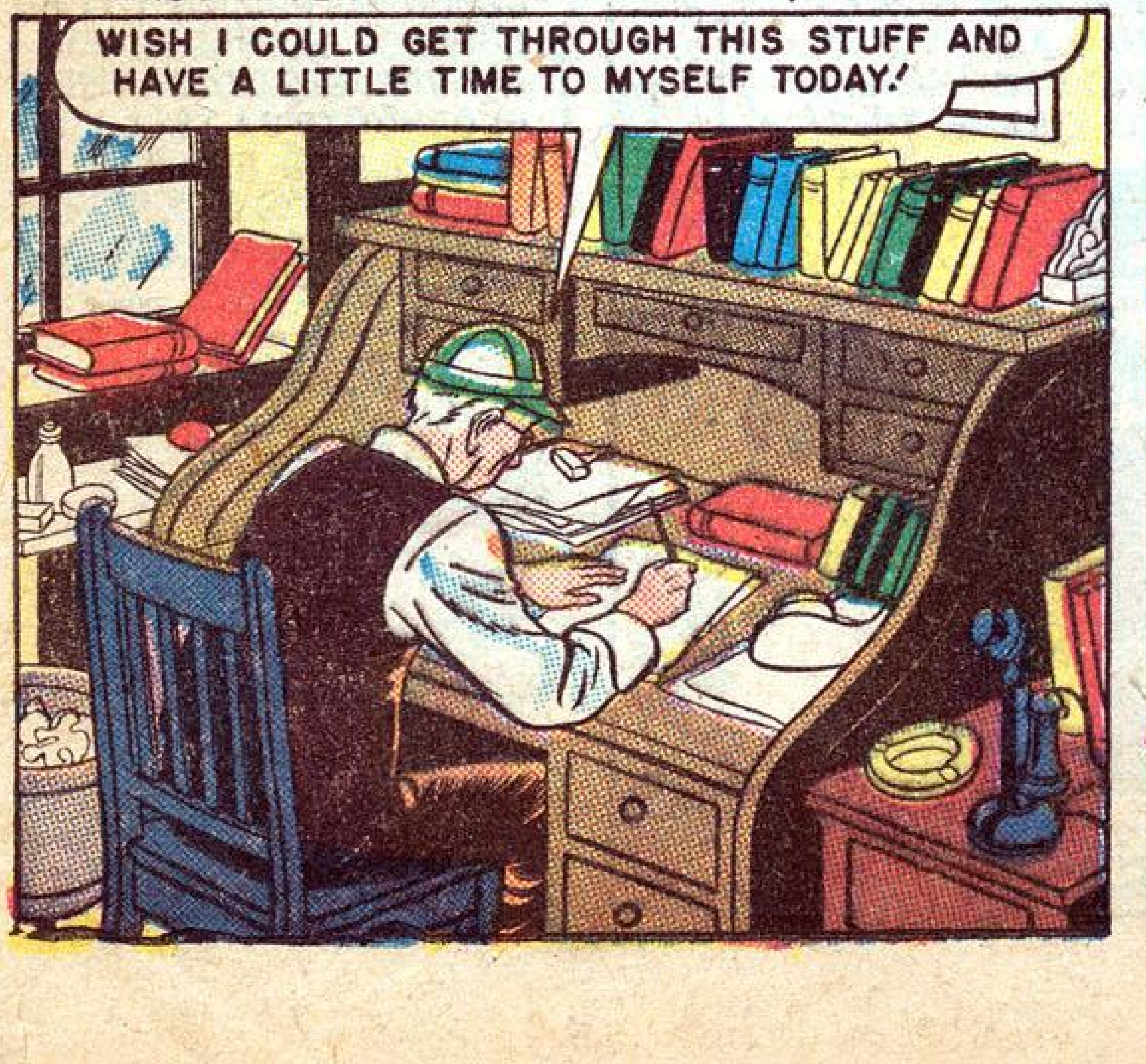
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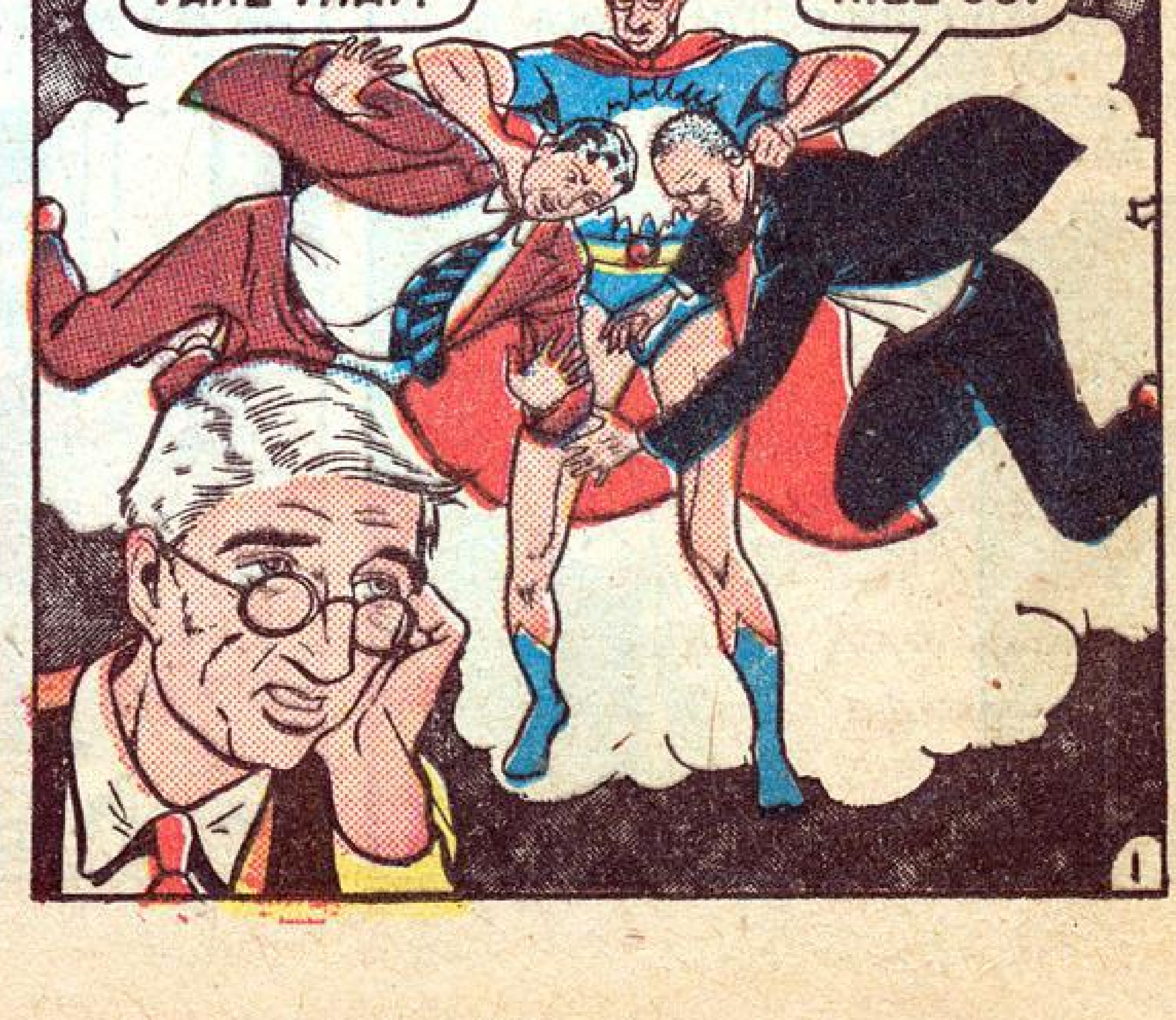
YOU CROOKS! TAKE THAT!
HELP! D-DON'T KILL US!
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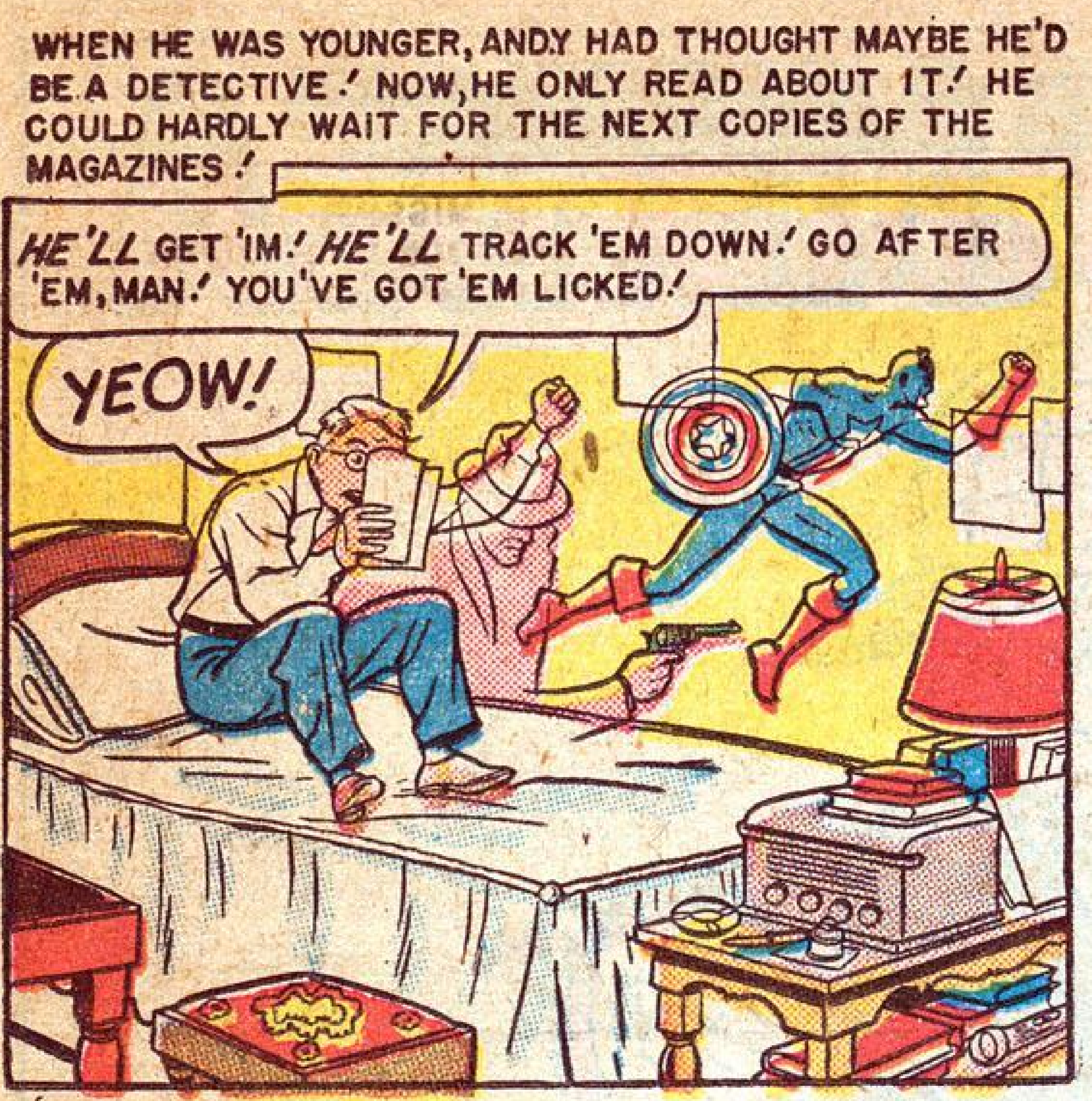
WHEN HE WAS YOUNGER, ANDY HAD THOUGHT MAYBE HE'D BE A DETECTIVE! NOW, HE ONLY READ ABOUT IT! HE COULD HARDLY WAIT FOR THE NEXT COPIES OF THE MAGAZINES!
HE'LL GET 'IM! HE'LL TRACK 'EM DOWN! GO AFTER 'EM, MAN! YOU'VE GOT 'EM LICKED!
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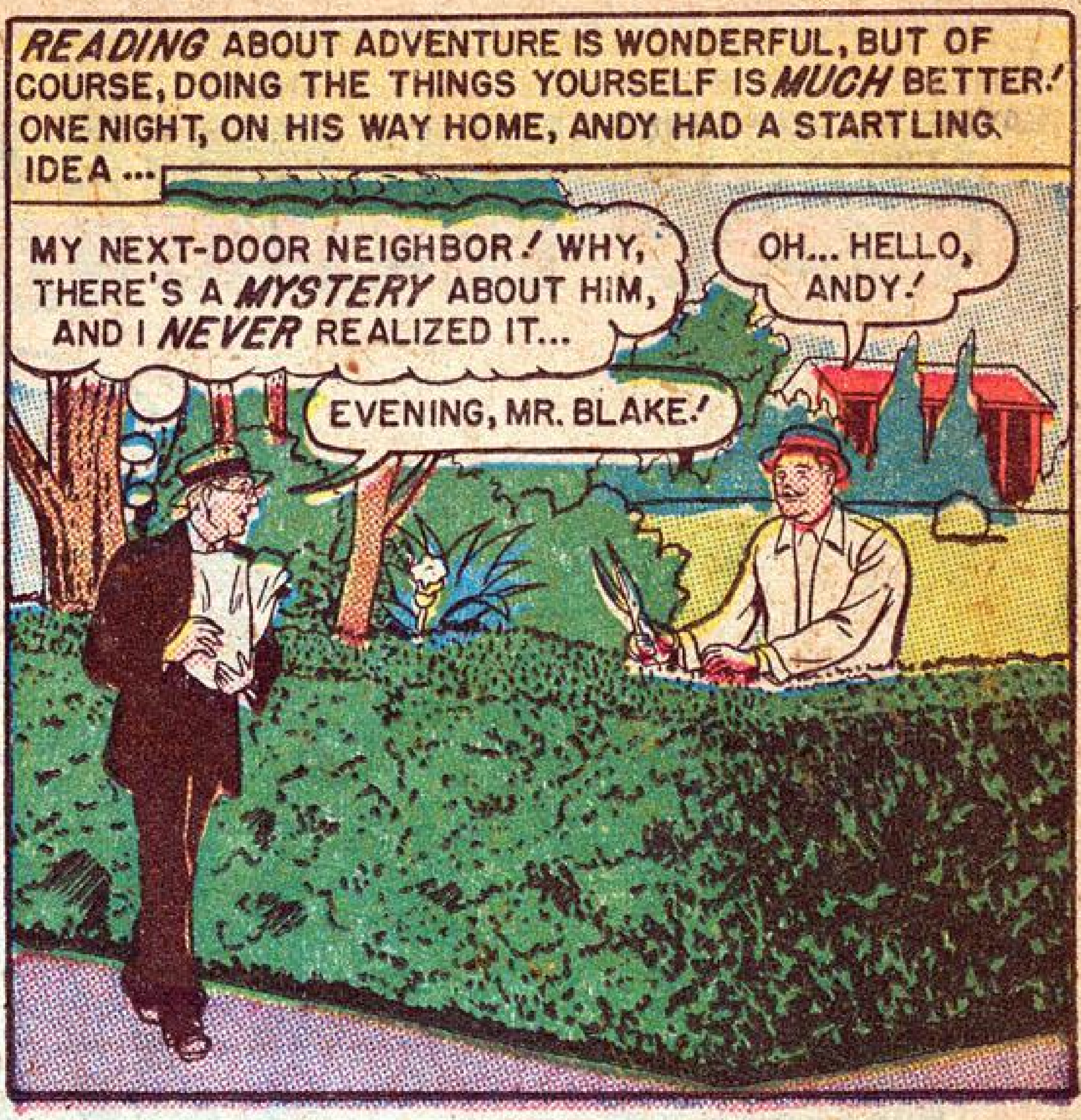
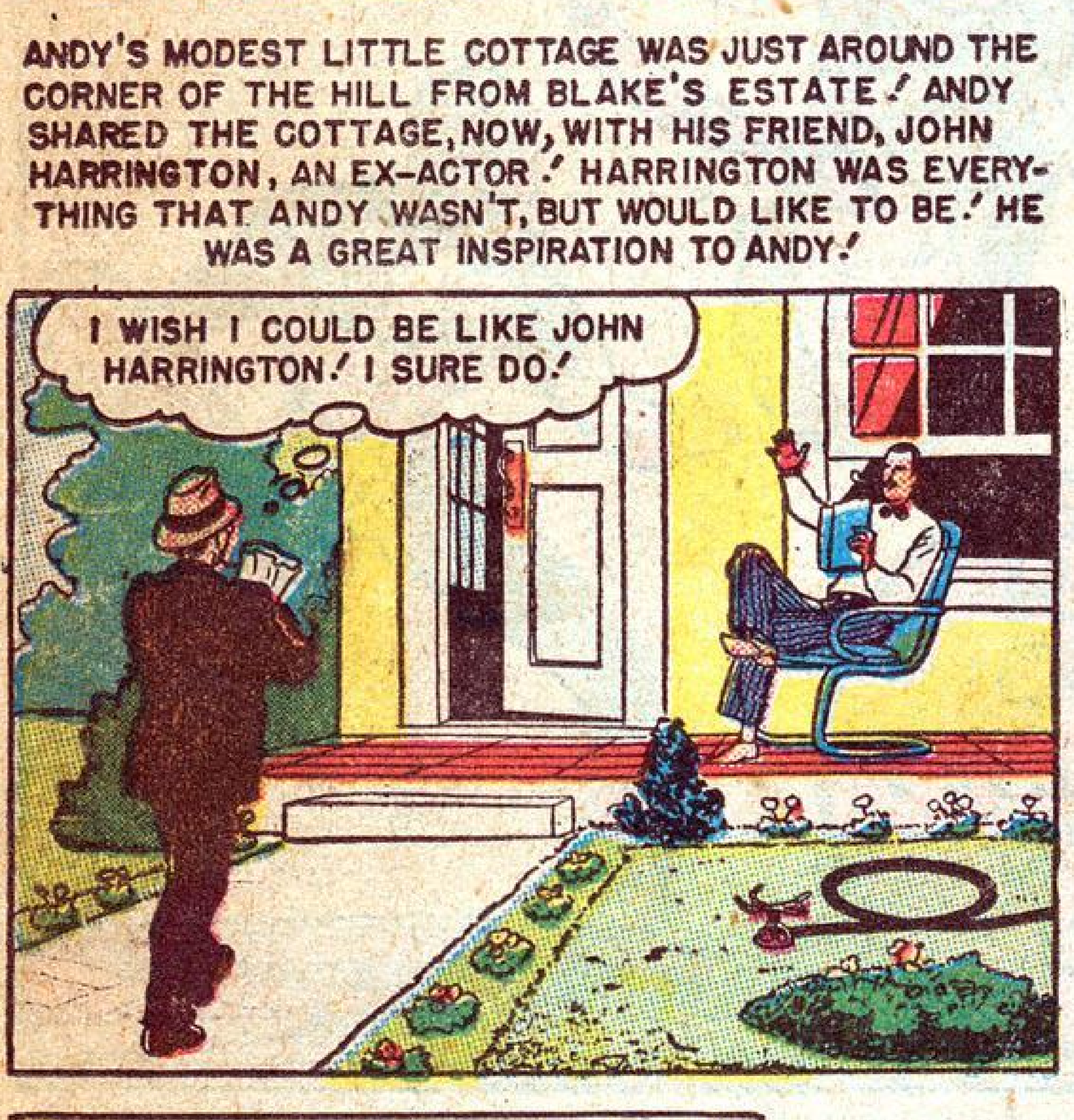
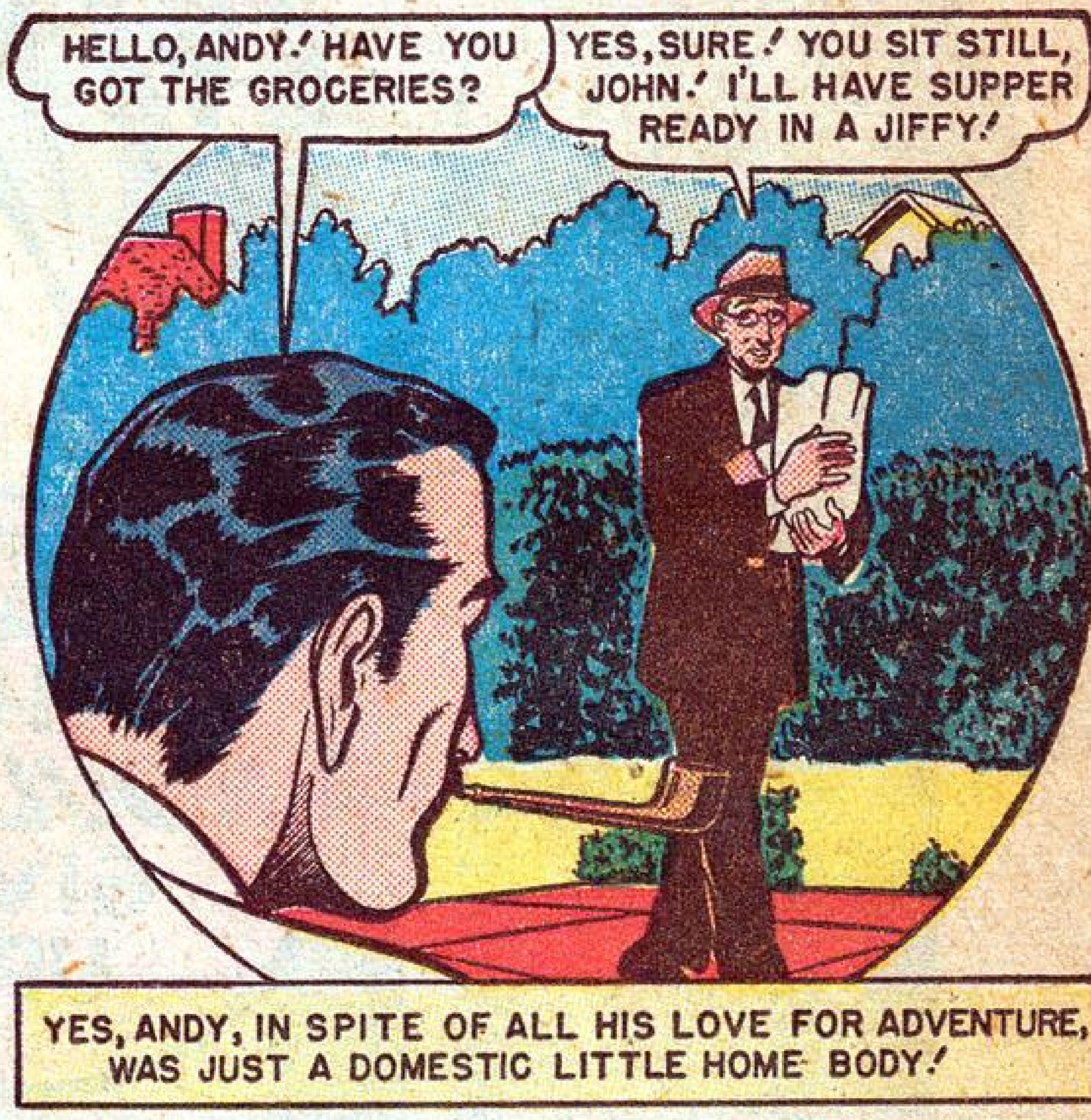
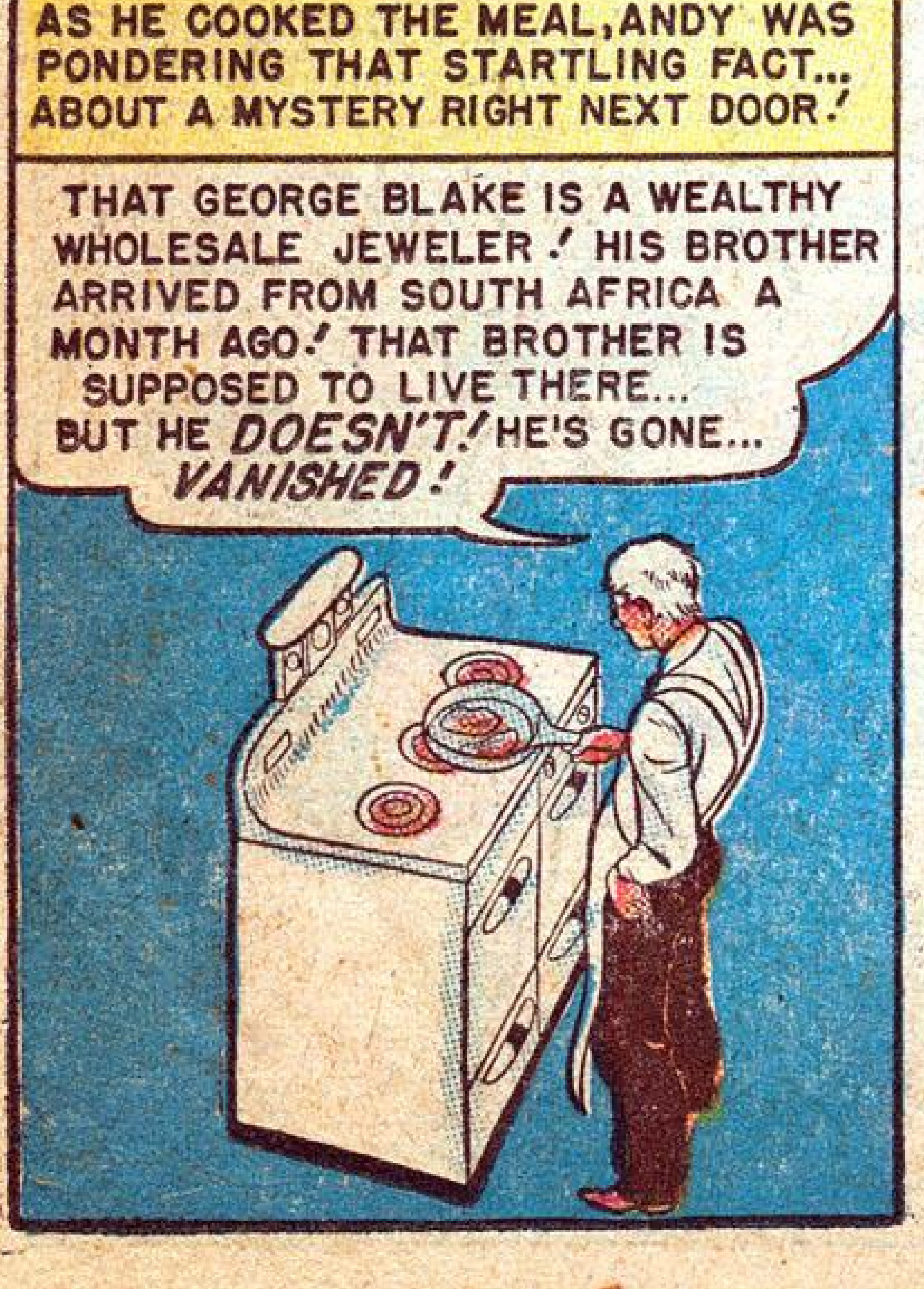
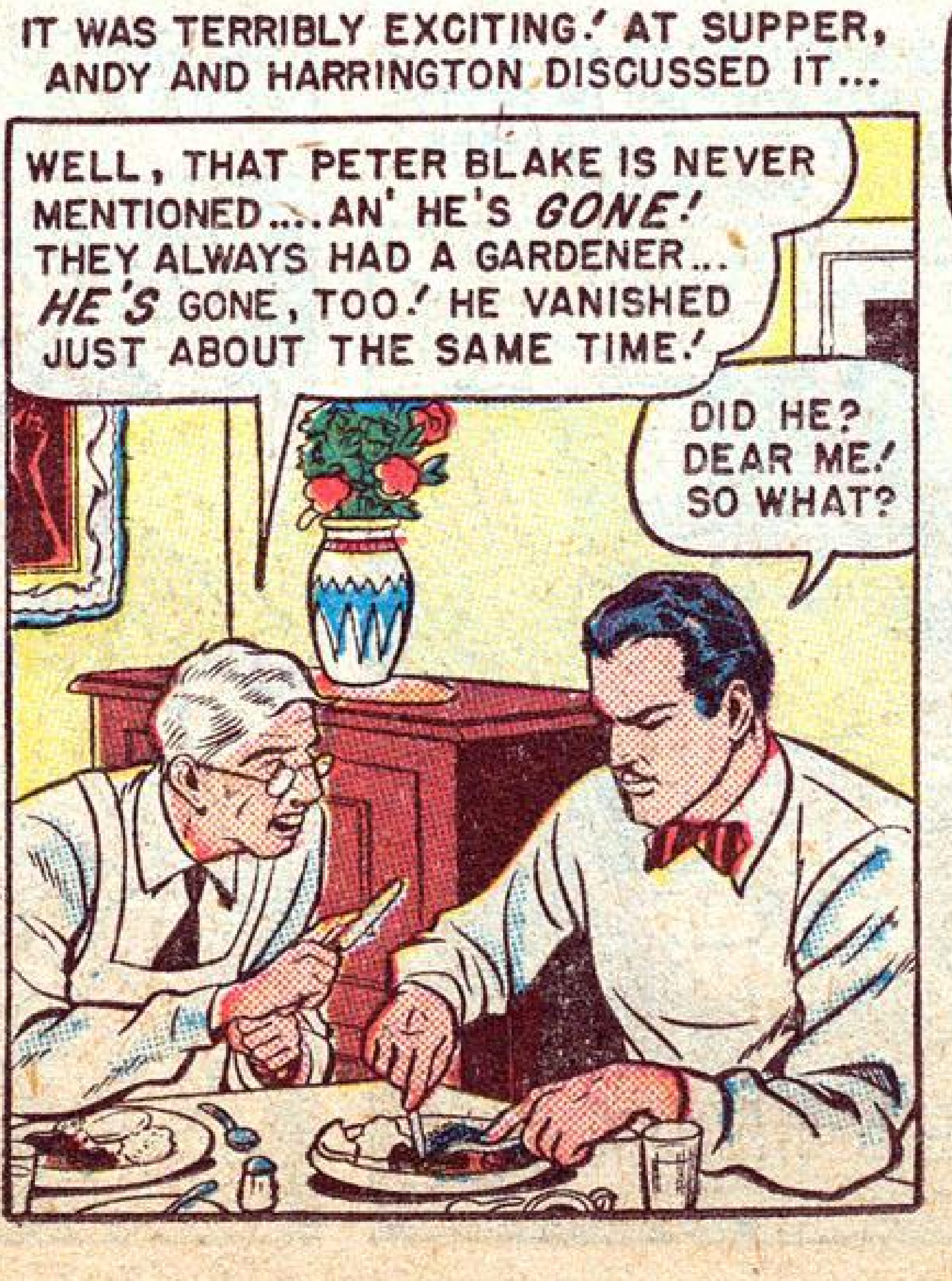
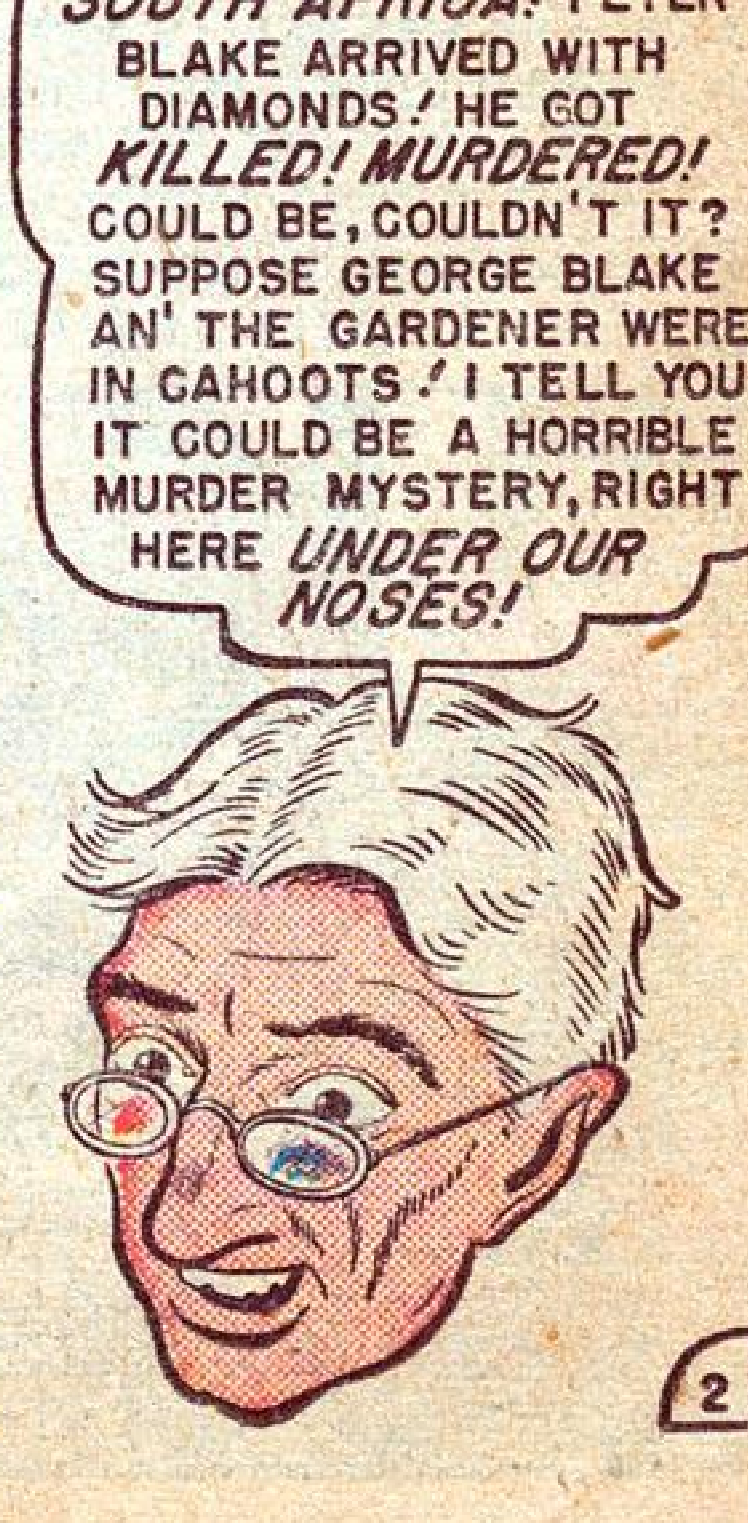

READING ABOUT ADVENTURE IS WONDERFUL, BUT OF COURSE, DOING THE THINGS YOURSELF IS MUCH BETTER! ONE NIGHT, ON HIS WAY HOME, ANDY HAD A STARTLING IDEA...
MY NEXT-DOOR NEIGHBOR! WHY, THERE'S A MYSTERY ABOUT HIM, AND I NEVER REALIZED IT...
OH... HELLO, ANDY!
EVENING, MR. BLAKE!

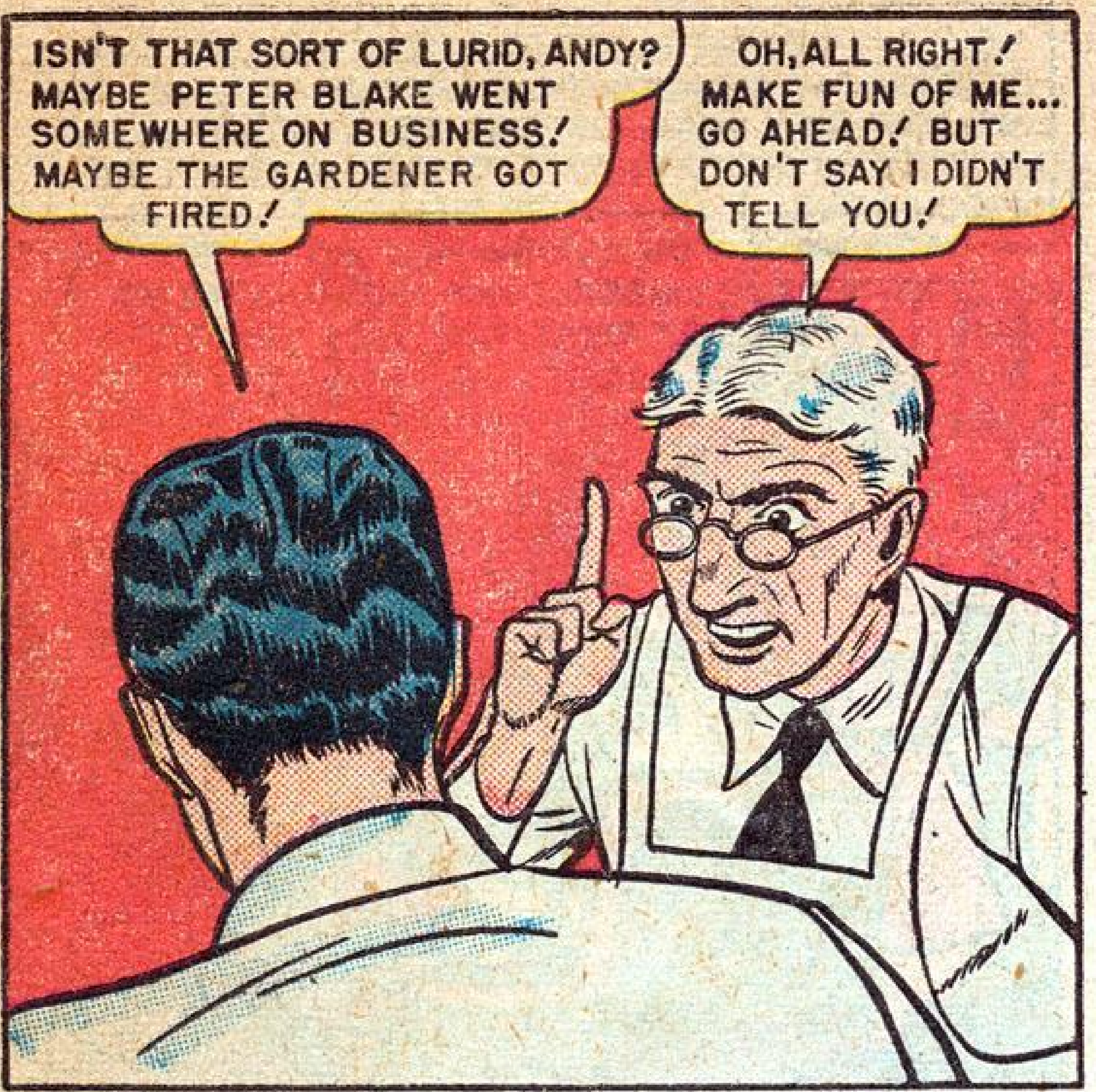

ANDY'S MODEST LITTLE COTTAGE WAS JUST AROUND THE CORNER OF THE HILL FROM BLAKE'S ESTATE! ANDY SHARED THE COTTAGE, NOW, WITH HIS FRIEND, JOHN HARRINGTON, AN EX-ACTOR! HARRINGTON WAS EVERYTHING THAT ANDY WASN'T, BUT WOULD LIKE TO BE! HE WAS A GREAT INSPIRATION TO ANDY!
I WISH I COULD BE LIKE JOHN HARRINGTON! I SURE DO!

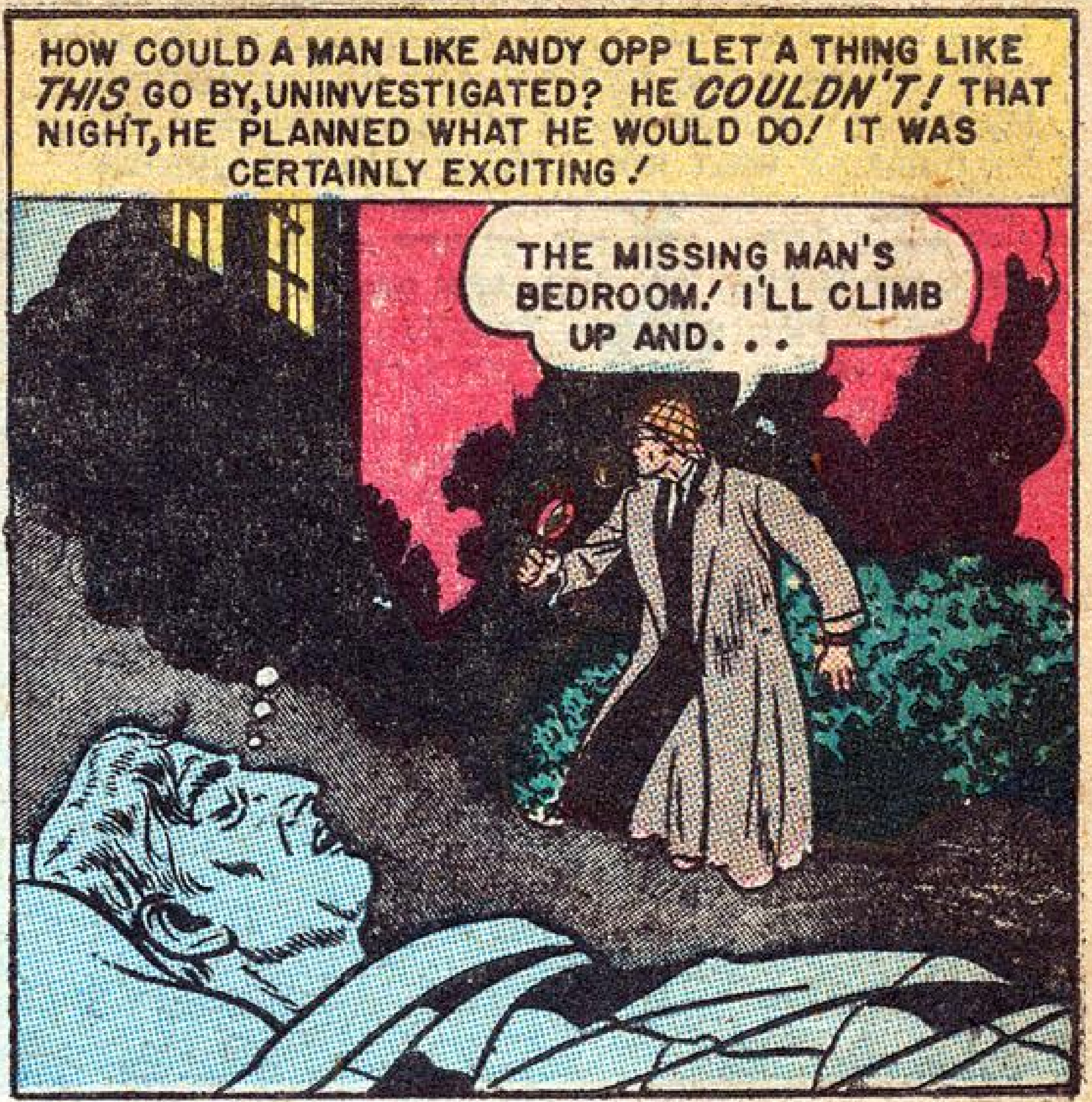

HELLO, ANDY! HAVE YOU GOT THE GROCERIES?
YES, SURE! YOU SIT STILL, JOHN! I'LL HAVE SUPPER READY IN A JIFFY!
YES, ANDY, IN SPITE OF ALL HIS LOVE FOR ADVENTURE, WAS JUST A DOMESTIC LITTLE HOME BODY!

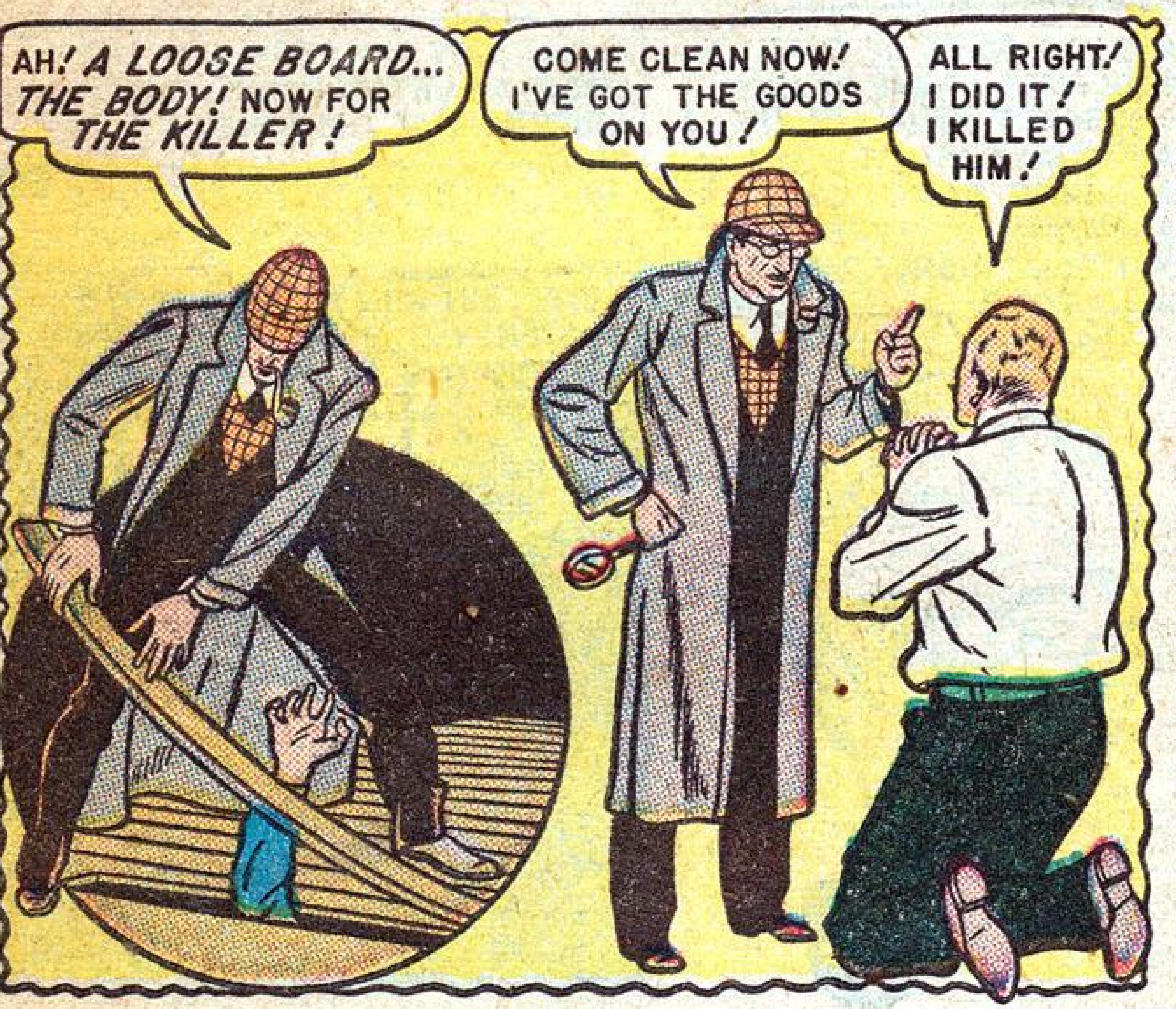

AS HE COOKED THE MEAL, ANDY WAS PONDERING THAT STARTLING FACT... ABOUT A MYSTERY RIGHT NEXT DOOR!
THAT GEORGE BLAKE IS A WEALTHY WHOLESALE JEWELER! HIS BROTHER ARRIVED FROM SOUTH AFRICA A MONTH AGO! THAT BROTHER IS SUPPOSED TO LIVE THERE... BUT HE DOESN'T! HE'S GONE... VANISHED!

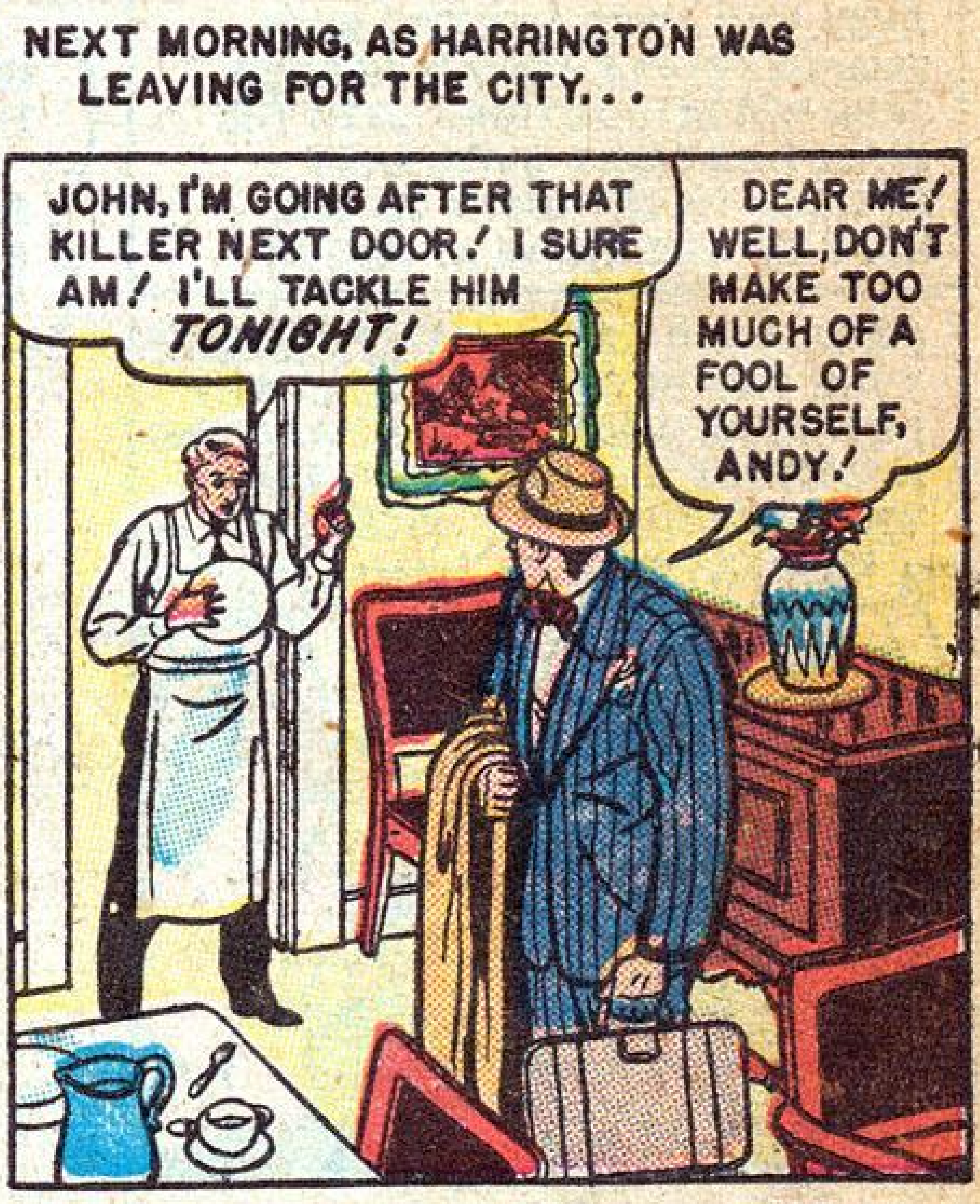

IT WAS TERRIBLY EXCITING! AT SUPPER, ANDY AND HARRINGTON DISCUSSED IT...
WELL, THAT PETER BLAKE IS NEVER MENTIONED.... AN' HE'S GONE! THEY ALWAYS HAD A GARDENER... HE'S GONE, TOO! HE VANISHED JUST ABOUT THE SAME TIME!
DID HE? DEAR ME! SO WHAT?

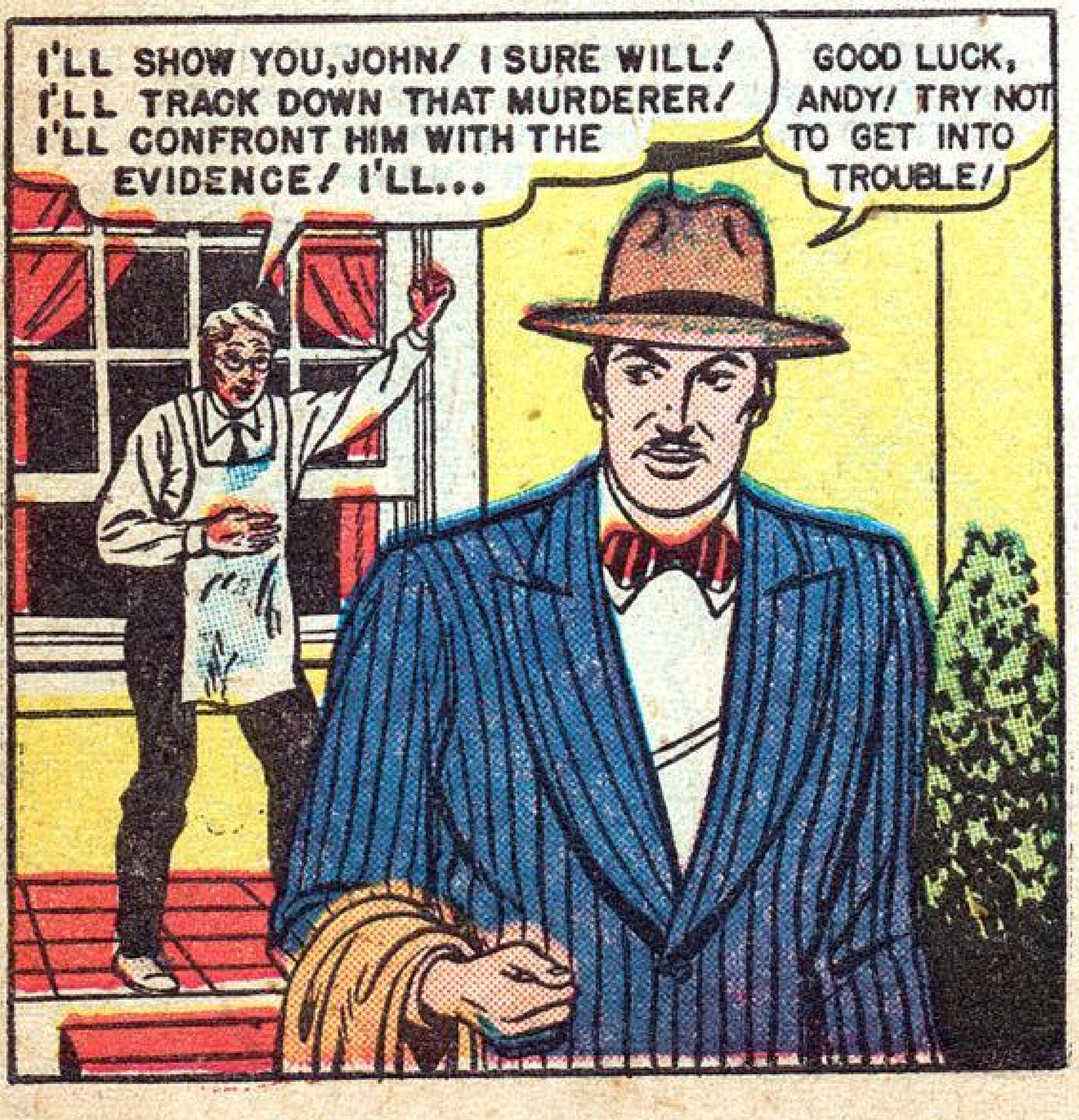

SOUTH AFRICA! PETER BLAKE ARRIVED WITH DIAMONDS! HE GOT KILLED! MURDERED! COULD BE, COULDN'T IT? SUPPOSE GEORGE BLAKE AN' THE GARDENER WERE IN CAHOOTS! I TELL YOU IT COULD BE A HORRIBLE MURDER MYSTERY, RIGHT HERE UNDER OUR NOSES!

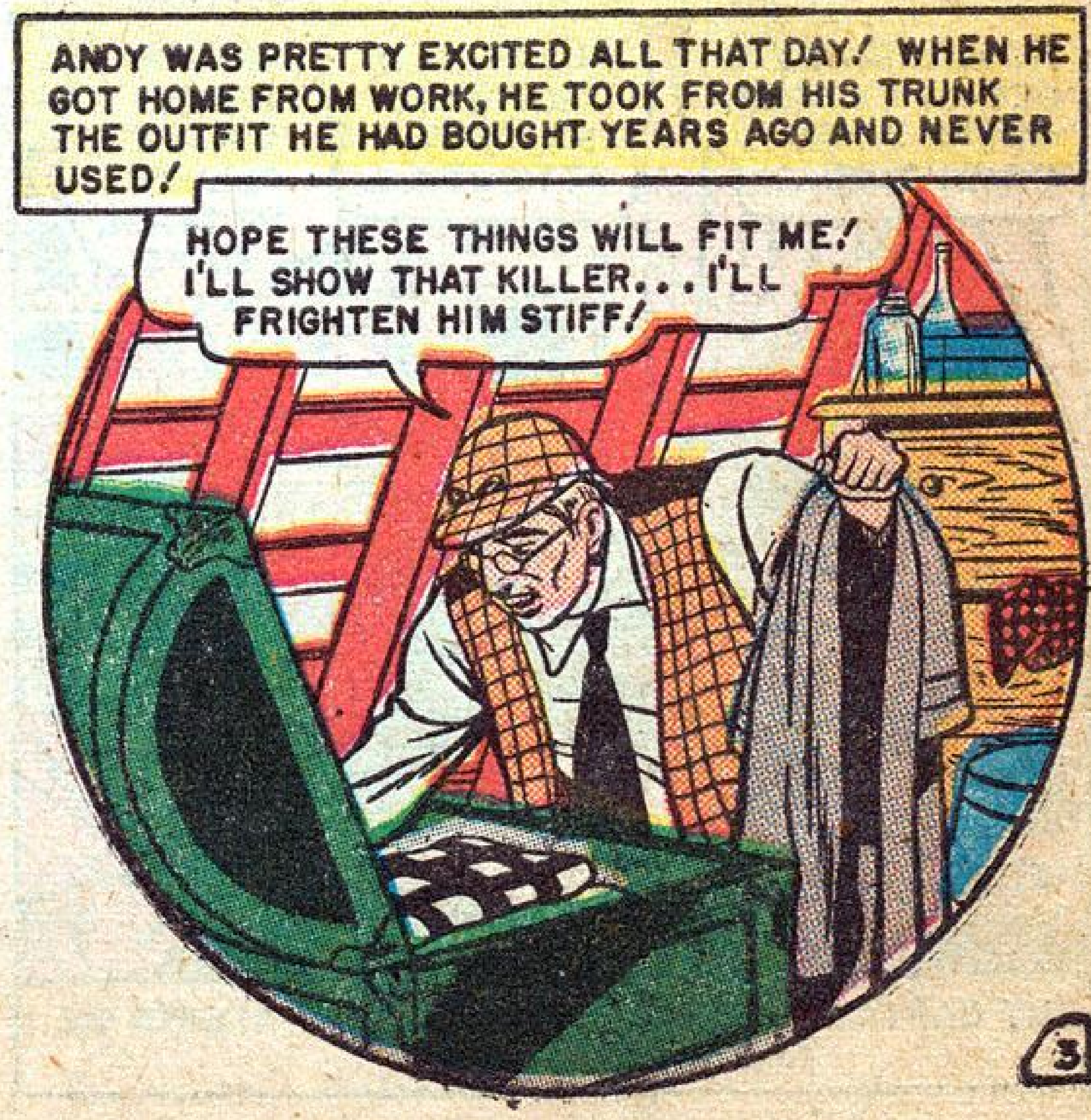

ISN'T THAT SORT OF LURID, ANDY? MAYBE PETER BLAKE WENT SOMEWHERE ON BUSINESS! MAYBE THE GARDENER GOT FIRED!
OH, ALL RIGHT! MAKE FUN OF ME... GO AHEAD! BUT DON'T SAY I DIDN'T TELL YOU!

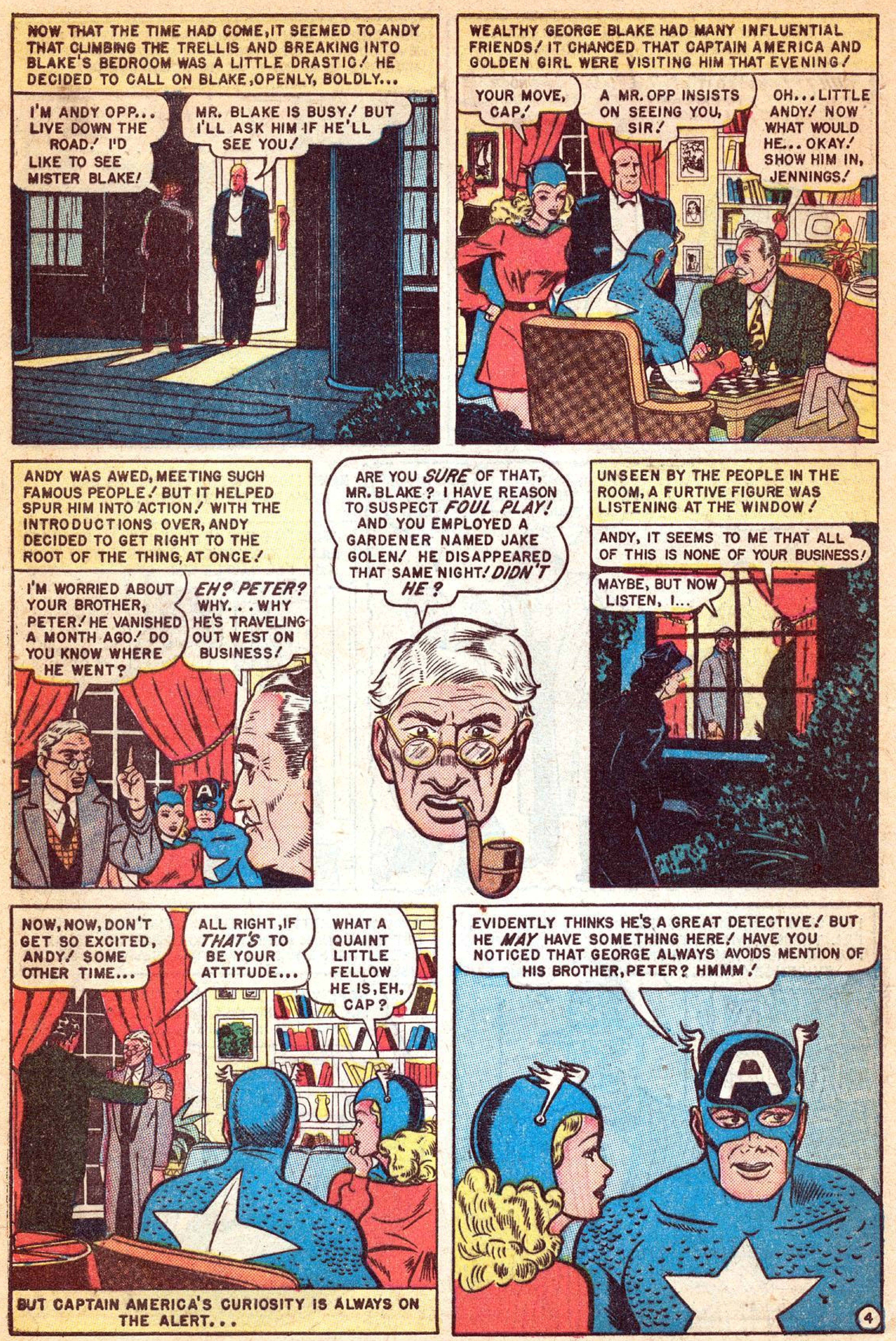

HOW COULD A MAN LIKE ANDY OPP LET A THING LIKE *THIS* GO BY, UNINVESTIGATED? HE *COULDN'T!* THAT NIGHT, HE PLANNED WHAT HE WOULD DO! IT WAS CERTAINLY EXCITING!
THE MISSING MAN'S BEDROOM! I'LL CLIMB UP AND. . .


AH! *A LOOSE BOARD... THE BODY!* NOW FOR *THE KILLER!*
COME CLEAN NOW! I'VE GOT THE GOODS ON YOU!
ALL RIGHT! I DID IT! I KILLED HIM!


NEXT MORNING, AS HARRINGTON WAS LEAVING FOR THE CITY...
JOHN, I'M GOING AFTER THAT KILLER NEXT DOOR! I SURE AM! I'LL TACKLE HIM *TONIGHT!*
DEAR ME! WELL, DON'T MAKE TOO MUCH OF A FOOL OF YOURSELF, ANDY!


I'LL SHOW YOU, JOHN! I SURE WILL! I'LL TRACK DOWN THAT MURDERER! I'LL CONFRONT HIM WITH THE EVIDENCE! I'LL...
GOOD LUCK, ANDY! TRY NOT TO GET INTO TROUBLE!


ANDY WAS PRETTY EXCITED ALL THAT DAY! WHEN HE GOT HOME FROM WORK, HE TOOK FROM HIS TRUNK THE OUTFIT HE HAD BOUGHT YEARS AGO AND NEVER USED!
HOPE THESE THINGS WILL FIT ME! I'LL SHOW THAT KILLER. . . I'LL FRIGHTEN HIM STIFF!


NOW THAT THE TIME HAD COME, IT SEEMED TO ANDY THAT CLIMBING THE TRELLIS AND BREAKING INTO BLAKE'S BEDROOM WAS A LITTLE DRASTIC! HE DECIDED TO CALL ON BLAKE, OPENLY, BOLDLY...
I'M ANDY OPP... LIVE DOWN THE ROAD! I'D LIKE TO SEE MISTER BLAKE!
MR. BLAKE IS BUSY! BUT I'LL ASK HIM IF HE'LL SEE YOU!
WEALTHY GEORGE BLAKE HAD MANY INFLUENTIAL FRIENDS! IT CHANCED THAT CAPTAIN AMERICA AND GOLDEN GIRL WERE VISITING HIM THAT EVENING!
YOUR MOVE, CAP!
A MR. OPP INSISTS ON SEEING YOU, SIR!
OH... LITTLE ANDY! NOW WHAT WOULD HE... OKAY! SHOW HIM IN, JENNINGS!
ANDY WAS AWED, MEETING SUCH FAMOUS PEOPLE! BUT IT HELPED SPUR HIM INTO ACTION! WITH THE INTRODUCTIONS OVER, ANDY DECIDED TO GET RIGHT TO THE ROOT OF THE THING, AT ONCE!
I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOUR BROTHER, PETER! HE VANISHED A MONTH AGO! DO YOU KNOW WHERE HE WENT?
EH? PETER? WHY... WHY HE'S TRAVELING OUT WEST ON BUSINESS!
ARE YOU SURE OF THAT, MR. BLAKE? I HAVE REASON TO SUSPECT FOUL PLAY! AND YOU EMPLOYED A GARDENER NAMED JAKE GOLEN! HE DISAPPEARED THAT SAME NIGHT! DIDN'T HE?
UNSEEN BY THE PEOPLE IN THE ROOM, A FURTIVE FIGURE WAS LISTENING AT THE WINDOW!
ANDY, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT ALL OF THIS IS NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!
MAYBE, BUT NOW LISTEN, I...
NOW, NOW, DON'T GET SO EXCITED, ANDY! SOME OTHER TIME...
ALL RIGHT, IF THAT'S TO BE YOUR ATTITUDE...
WHAT A QUAINT LITTLE FELLOW HE IS, EH, CAP?
BUT CAPTAIN AMERICA'S CURIOSITY IS ALWAYS ON THE ALERT...
EVIDENTLY THINKS HE'S A GREAT DETECTIVE! BUT HE MAY HAVE SOMETHING HERE! HAVE YOU NOTICED THAT GEORGE ALWAYS AVOIDS MENTION OF HIS BROTHER, PETER? HMMM!
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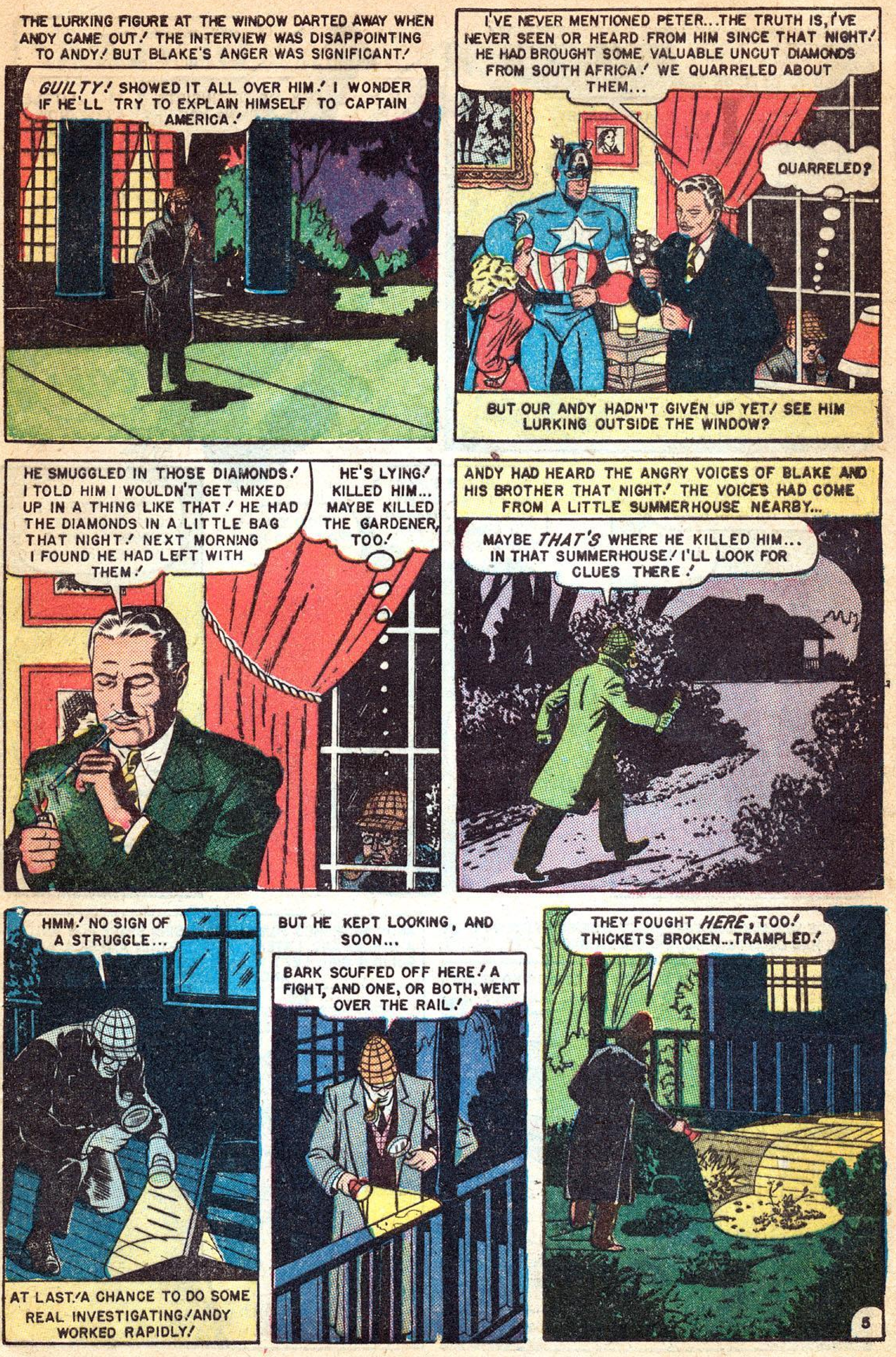
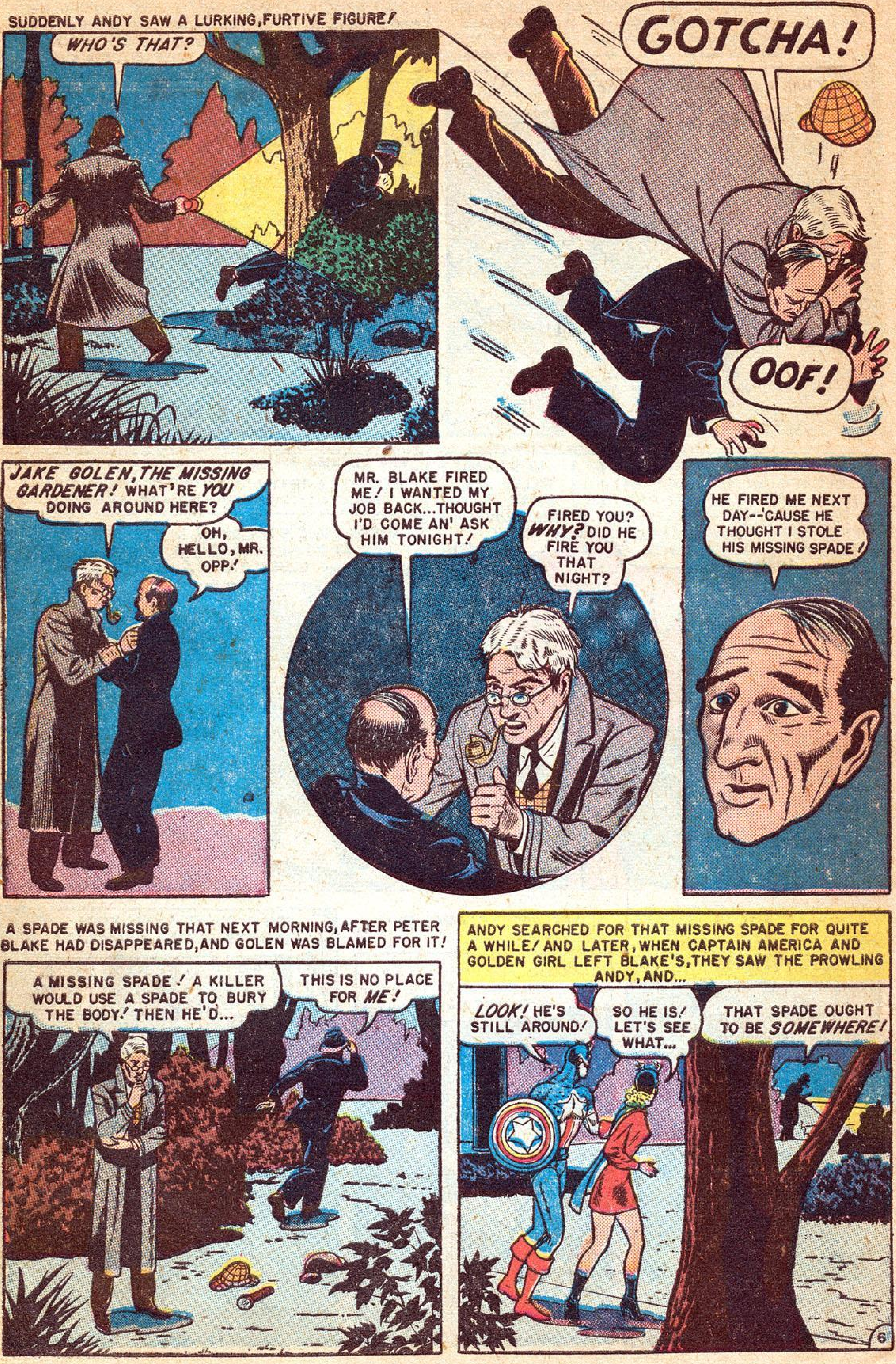

THE LURKING FIGURE AT THE WINDOW DARTED AWAY WHEN ANDY CAME OUT! THE INTERVIEW WAS DISAPPOINTING TO ANDY! BUT BLAKE'S ANGER WAS SIGNIFICANT!
GUILTY! SHOWED IT ALL OVER HIM! I WONDER IF HE'LL TRY TO EXPLAIN HIMSELF TO CAPTAIN AMERICA!
I'VE NEVER MENTIONED PETER...THE TRUTH IS, I'VE NEVER SEEN OR HEARD FROM HIM SINCE THAT NIGHT! HE HAD BROUGHT SOME VALUABLE UNCUT DIAMONDS FROM SOUTH AFRICA! WE QUARRELED ABOUT THEM...
QUARRELED?
BUT OUR ANDY HADN'T GIVEN UP YET! SEE HIM LURKING OUTSIDE THE WINDOW?
HE SMUGGLED IN THOSE DIAMONDS! I TOLD HIM I WOULDN'T GET MIXED UP IN A THING LIKE THAT! HE HAD THE DIAMONDS IN A LITTLE BAG THAT NIGHT! NEXT MORNING I FOUND HE HAD LEFT WITH THEM!
HE'S LYING! KILLED HIM... MAYBE KILLED THE GARDENER, TOO!
ANDY HAD HEARD THE ANGRY VOICES OF BLAKE AND HIS BROTHER THAT NIGHT! THE VOICES HAD COME FROM A LITTLE SUMMERHOUSE NEARBY...
MAYBE THAT'S WHERE HE KILLED HIM... IN THAT SUMMERHOUSE! I'LL LOOK FOR CLUES THERE!
HMM! NO SIGN OF A STRUGGLE...
AT LAST! A CHANCE TO DO SOME REAL INVESTIGATING! ANDY WORKED RAPIDLY!
BUT HE KEPT LOOKING, AND SOON...
BARK SCUFFED OFF HERE! A FIGHT, AND ONE, OR BOTH, WENT OVER THE RAIL!
THEY FOUGHT HERE, TOO! THICKETS BROKEN...TRAMPLED!


SUDDENLY ANDY SAW A LURKING, FURTIVE FIGURE!
WHO'S THAT?
GOTCHA!
OOF!
JAKE GOLEN, THE MISSING GARDENER! WHAT'RE *YOU* DOING AROUND HERE?
OH, HELLO, MR. OPP!
MR. BLAKE FIRED ME! I WANTED MY JOB BACK...THOUGHT I'D COME AN' ASK HIM TONIGHT!
FIRED YOU? *WHY?* DID HE FIRE YOU THAT NIGHT?
HE FIRED ME NEXT DAY--'CAUSE HE THOUGHT I STOLE HIS MISSING SPADE!
A SPADE WAS MISSING THAT NEXT MORNING, AFTER PETER BLAKE HAD DISAPPEARED, AND GOLEN WAS BLAMED FOR IT!
A MISSING SPADE! A KILLER WOULD USE A SPADE TO BURY THE BODY! THEN HE'D...
THIS IS NO PLACE FOR *ME!*
ANDY SEARCHED FOR THAT MISSING SPADE FOR QUITE A WHILE! AND LATER, WHEN CAPTAIN AMERICA AND GOLDEN GIRL LEFT BLAKE'S, THEY SAW THE PROWLING ANDY, AND...
LOOK! HE'S STILL AROUND!
SO HE IS! LET'S SEE WHAT...
THAT SPADE OUGHT TO BE *SOMEWHERE!*
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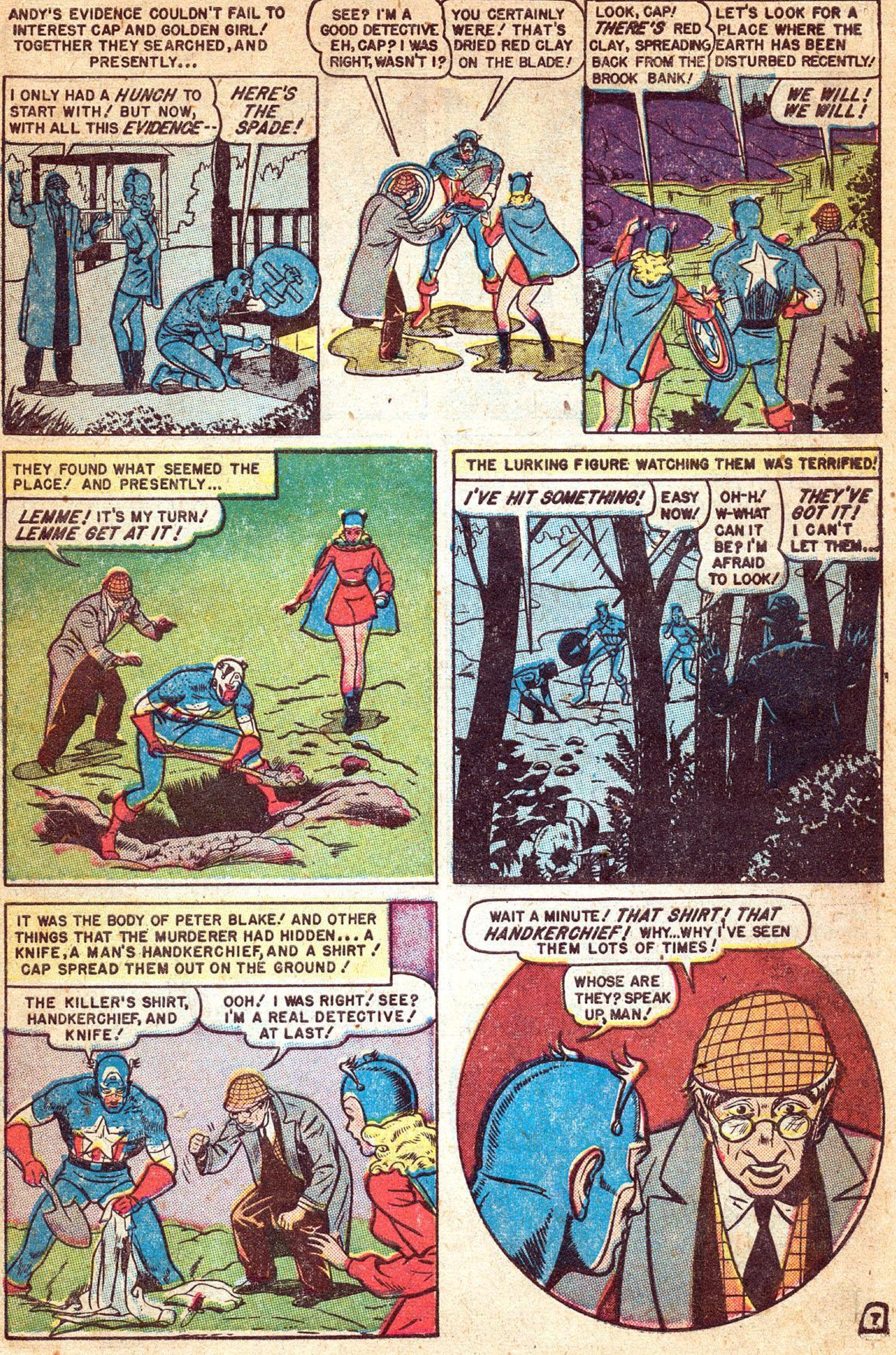
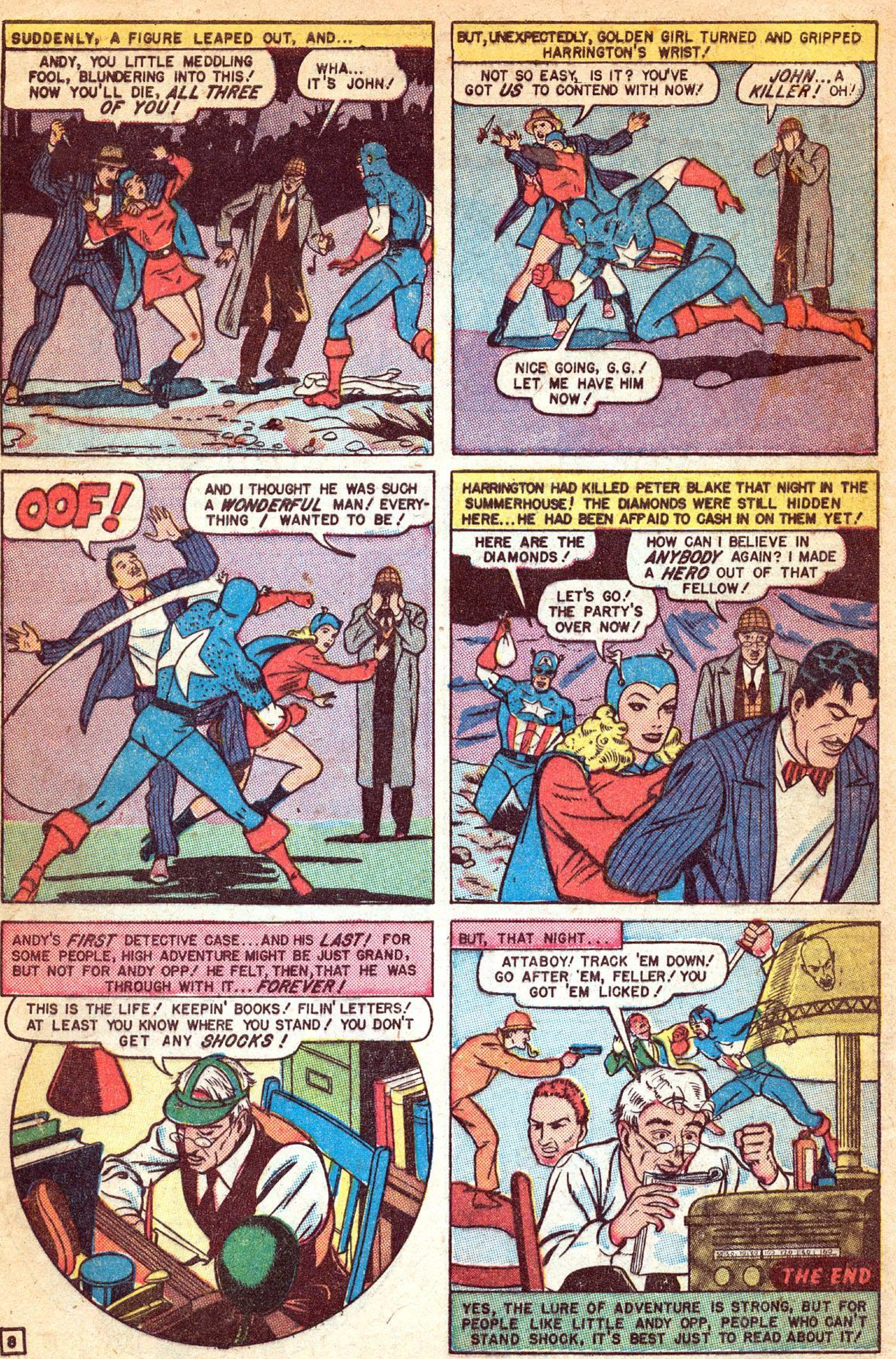

ANDY'S EVIDENCE COULDN'T FAIL TO INTEREST CAP AND GOLDEN GIRL! TOGETHER THEY SEARCHED, AND PRESENTLY...
I ONLY HAD A *HUNCH* TO START WITH! BUT NOW, WITH ALL THIS *EVIDENCE*--
HERE'S THE SPADE!
SEE? I'M A GOOD DETECTIVE EH, CAP? I WAS RIGHT, WASN'T I?
YOU CERTAINLY WERE! THAT'S DRIED RED CLAY ON THE BLADE!
LOOK, CAP! *THERE'S* RED CLAY, SPREADING BACK FROM THE BROOK BANK!
LET'S LOOK FOR A PLACE WHERE THE EARTH HAS BEEN DISTURBED RECENTLY!
WE WILL! WE WILL!
THEY FOUND WHAT SEEMED THE PLACE! AND PRESENTLY...
LEMME! IT'S MY TURN! *LEMME GET AT IT!*
THE LURKING FIGURE WATCHING THEM WAS TERRIFIED!
I'VE HIT SOMETHING!
EASY NOW!
OH-H! W-WHAT CAN IT BE? I'M AFRAID TO LOOK!
THEY'VE GOT IT! I CAN'T LET THEM...
IT WAS THE BODY OF PETER BLAKE! AND OTHER THINGS THAT THE MURDERER HAD HIDDEN... A KNIFE, A MAN'S HANDKERCHIEF, AND A SHIRT! CAP SPREAD THEM OUT ON THE GROUND!
THE KILLER'S SHIRT, HANDKERCHIEF, AND KNIFE!
OOH! I WAS RIGHT! SEE? I'M A REAL DETECTIVE! AT LAST!
WAIT A MINUTE! *THAT SHIRT! THAT HANDKERCHIEF!* WHY...WHY I'VE SEEN THEM LOTS OF TIMES!
WHOSE ARE THEY? SPEAK UP, MAN!


SUDDENLY, A FIGURE LEAPED OUT, AND...
ANDY, YOU LITTLE MEDDLING FOOL, BLUNDERING INTO THIS! NOW YOU'LL DIE, *ALL THREE OF YOU!*
WHA... IT'S JOHN!
BUT, UNEXPECTEDLY, GOLDEN GIRL TURNED AND GRIPPED HARRINGTON'S WRIST!
NOT SO EASY, IS IT? YOU'VE GOT *US* TO CONTEND WITH NOW!
JOHN... A *KILLER!* OH!
NICE GOING, G.G.! LET ME HAVE HIM NOW!
OOF!
AND I THOUGHT HE WAS SUCH A *WONDERFUL* MAN! EVERYTHING *I* WANTED TO BE!
HARRINGTON HAD KILLED PETER BLAKE THAT NIGHT IN THE SUMMERHOUSE! THE DIAMONDS WERE STILL HIDDEN HERE... HE HAD BEEN AFRAID TO CASH IN ON THEM YET!
HERE ARE THE DIAMONDS!
HOW CAN I BELIEVE IN *ANYBODY* AGAIN? I MADE A *HERO* OUT OF THAT FELLOW!
LET'S GO! THE PARTY'S OVER NOW!
ANDY'S *FIRST* DETECTIVE CASE... AND HIS *LAST!* FOR SOME PEOPLE, HIGH ADVENTURE MIGHT BE JUST GRAND, BUT NOT FOR ANDY OPP! HE FELT, THEN, THAT HE WAS THROUGH WITH IT... *FOREVER!*
THIS IS THE LIFE! KEEPIN' BOOKS! FILIN' LETTERS! AT LEAST YOU KNOW WHERE YOU STAND! YOU DON'T GET ANY *SHOCKS!*
BUT, THAT NIGHT...
ATTABOY! TRACK 'EM DOWN! GO AFTER 'EM, FELLER! YOU GOT 'EM LICKED!
THE END
YES, THE LURE OF ADVENTURE IS STRONG, BUT FOR PEOPLE LIKE LITTLE ANDY OPP, PEOPLE WHO CAN'T STAND SHOCK, IT'S BEST JUST TO READ ABOUT IT!

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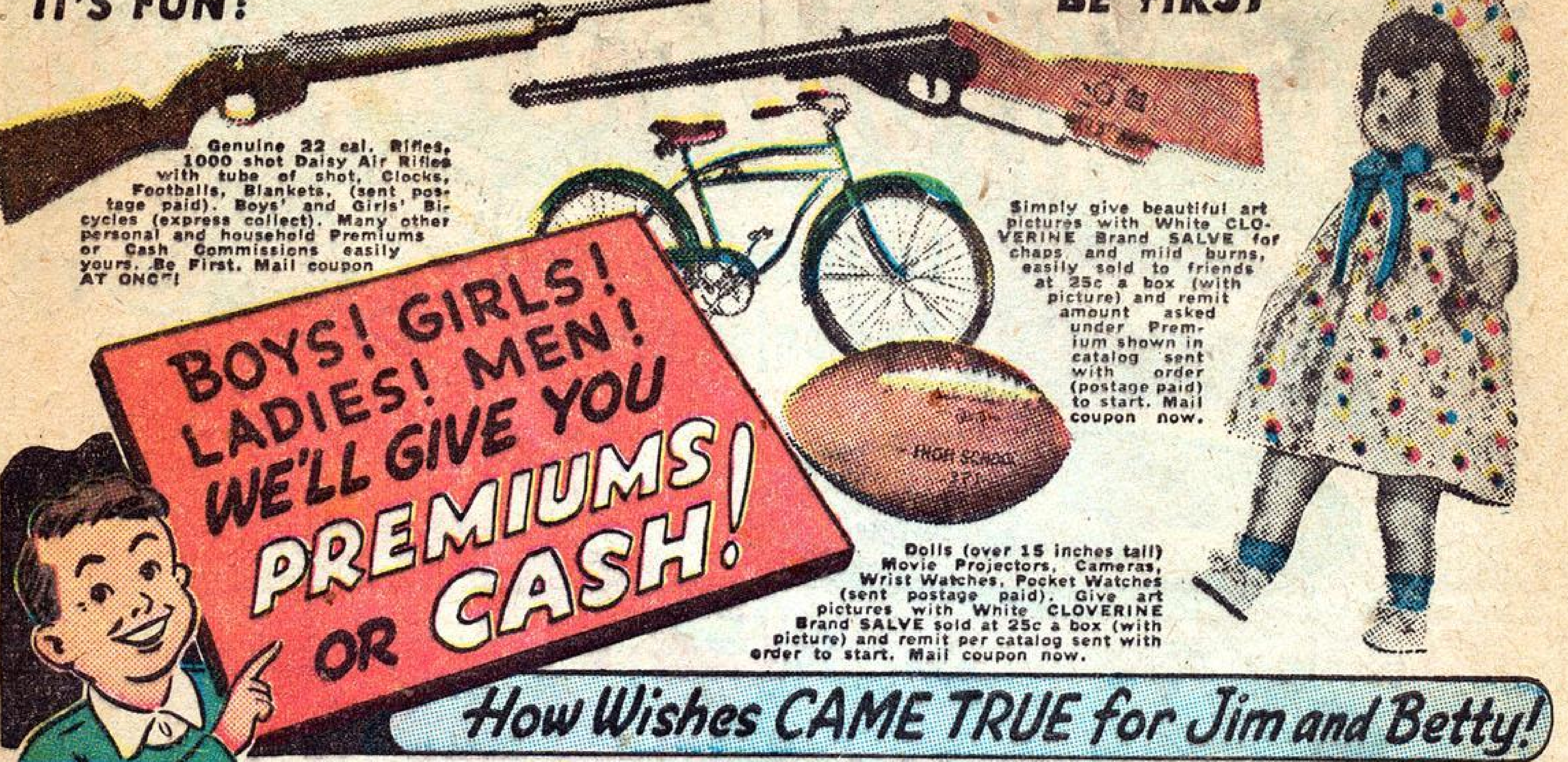
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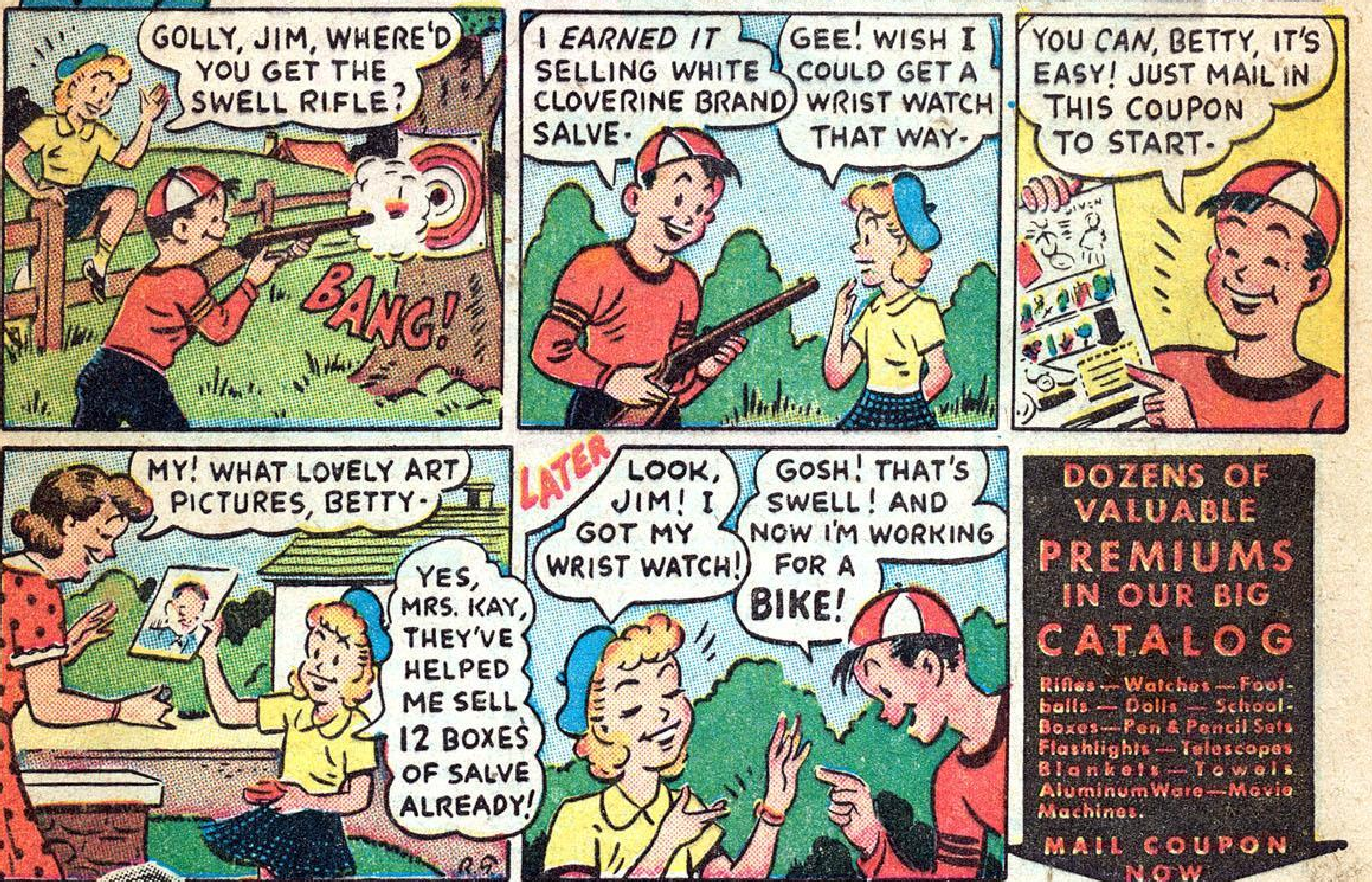
GOLLY, JIM, WHERE'D YOU GET THE SWELL RIFLE?
BANG!
I EARNED IT SELLING WHITE CLOVERINE BRAND SALVE-
GEE! WISH I COULD GET A WRIST WATCH THAT WAY-
YOU CAN, BETTY, IT'S EASY! JUST MAIL IN THIS COUPON TO START-
MY! WHAT LOVELY ART PICTURES, BETTY-
YES, MRS. KAY, THEY'VE HELPED ME SELL 12 BOXES OF SALVE ALREADY!
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GOSH! THAT'S SWELL! AND NOW I'M WORKING FOR A BIKE!

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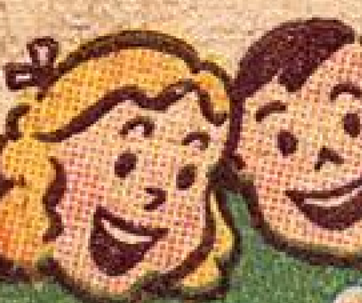

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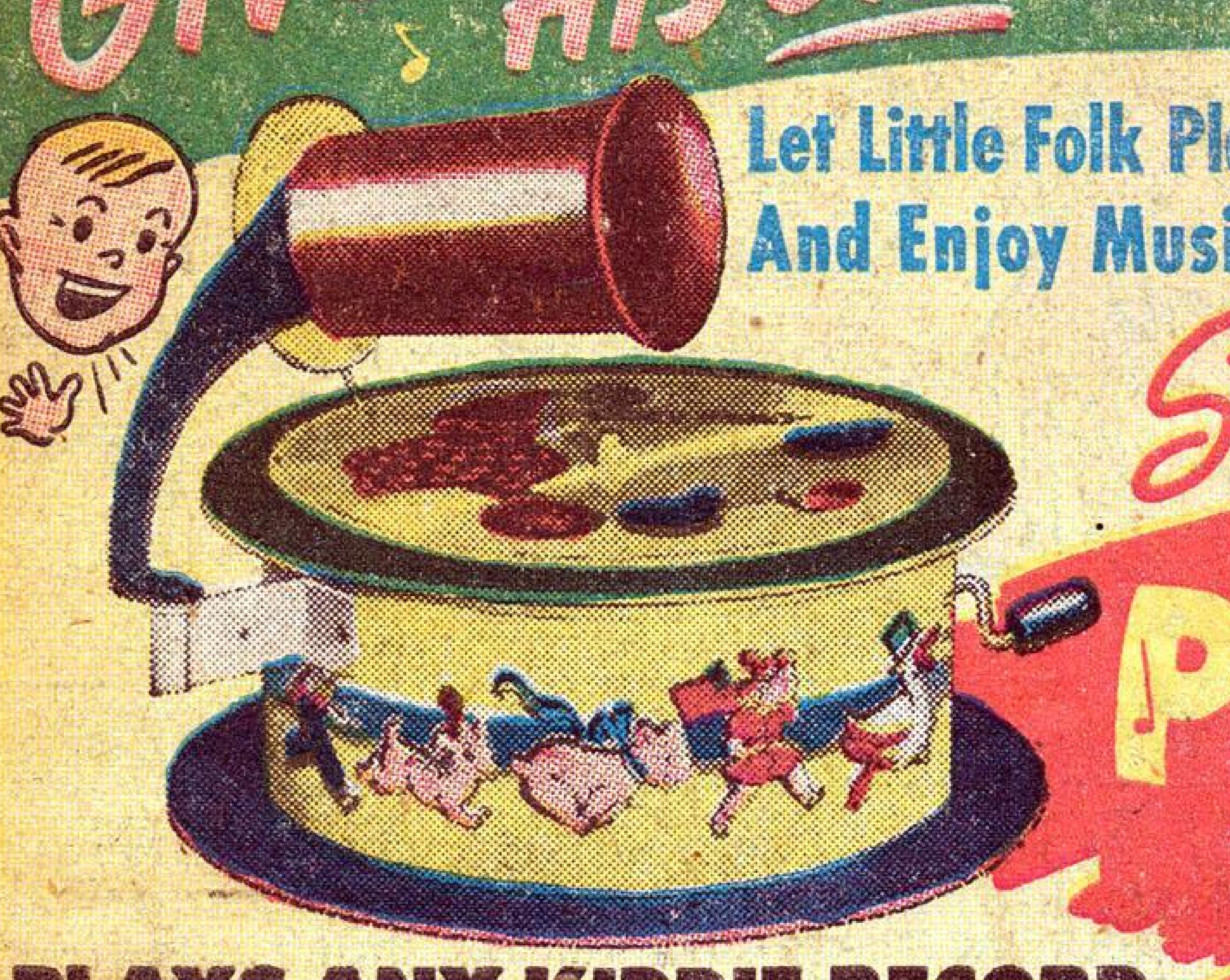

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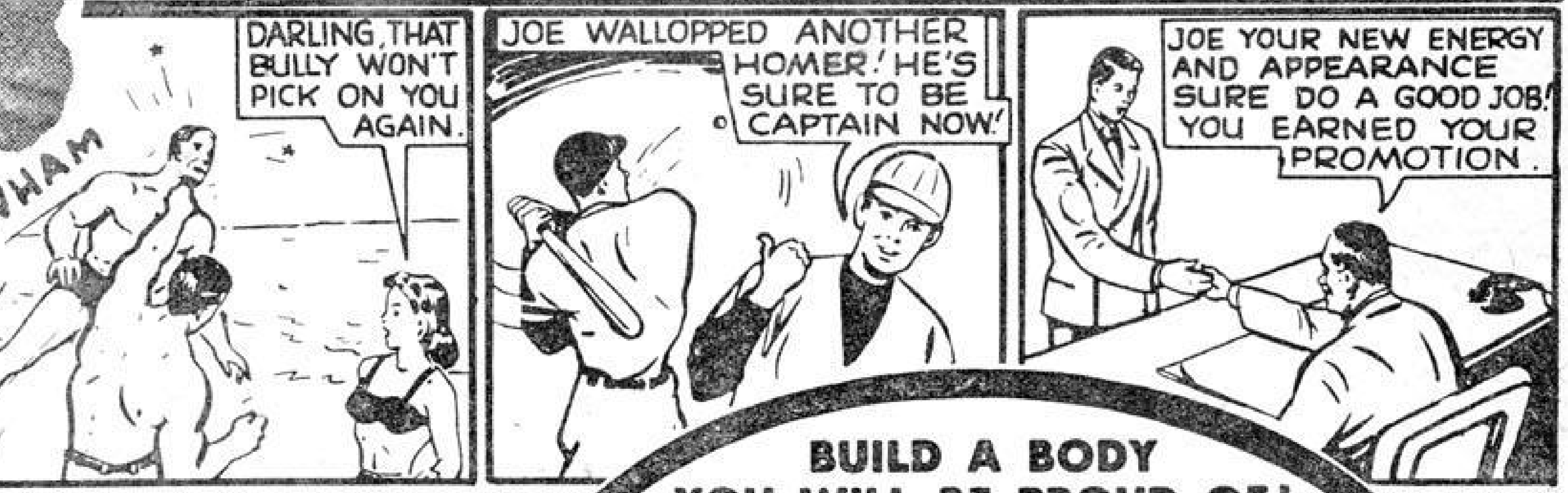
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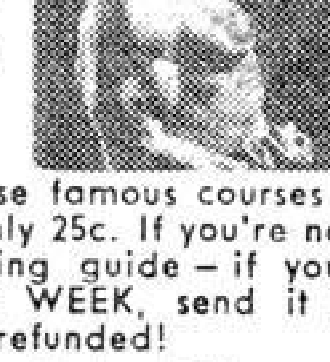

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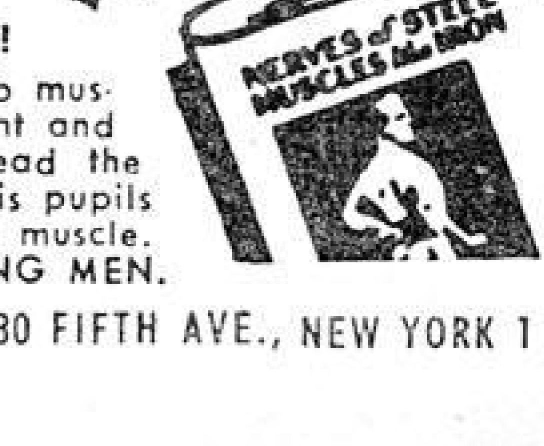
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